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Sellafield research finding prompts safety probe

Leukaemia link to atom plant fathers

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent, and Nick Nuttall, Technology Correspondent

An urgent investigation of safety at nuclear power stations was ordered by the Government yesterday after experts found that men working in the plants may conceive children with leukaemia.

The study of the disease among children born near the Sellafield plant in West Cumbria provides the strongest link yet between leukaemia "clusters" with power stations, and is certain to have international safety implications.

It found that children living in Seascale, a village near the plant, were 10 times more likely to suffer from the disease than children in the general population; and one in five of children with the disease studied had fathers who worked at Sellafield.

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The Government said last night that it "noted with the findings of the Medical Research Council study, and "recognized the

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 How will the world's most successful mineral water bring itself back from its greatest crisis?
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The small print

 Appellation contrôlée ... Mis en bouteille ... grand cru...Confused by the language of wine labels? Tomorrow, in the Saturday Review

section, The Times wine writer, Jane MacQuitty, explains how to read between the lines of the French bottles

Portlolio

yesterday's Portfolio Platinum prize of £4,000. Today's chance to win £2,000 is on page 29

Tickets claim

Hundreds of tickets for the rugby union international at Twickenham tomorrow were stolen from a former England player, Mike Burton, to expose a black-market racket, it was claimed in court . Page 40

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anxieties it must cause to those who could be at risk". Mr Roger Freeman, Parliamentary Secretary for

Health, said the report was being sent for urgent consideration by the Committee on Medical Aspects of Radiation in the Environment (Comare), an independent scientific committee. The Health and Safety Executive is to investigate the case histories of

affected families. The study, led by Professor Martin Gardner, of South-ampton University, suggests that radiation at Sellafield

Victims' reaction Cosmic radiation Leading article...

could have affected the sperm of men working there, possibly introducing a gene mutation. Their children would then have been born with a higher-than-average risk of developing the disease.

The researchers found that the risks were not related to environmental contamination from Sellafield discharges, such as playing on the nearby beach, eating seafood or home-grown vegetables. They also dismissed the theory that a virus infecting the local

population was responsible.

The study is the first of its kind in the world, and similar exercises are being set up at other sites. One at Dounreay in Caithness is to be completed as a matter of urgency.

cases of childhood leukaemia of whom were within eight miles of the town - three times the number that would be expected.

The scientists in the Sellafield study found that of 52 local children who had leukaemia between 1950 and 1985, 10 had fathers who worked at Sellafield. The link was strongest where the father had received particularly high doses of radiation before the child's conception.

"These findings need to be confirmed by other studies near other nuclear establishments, but they have important potential implications for radiobiology and for the protection of radiation workers and their children," Professor Gardner and colpublished in the British Medical Journal today.

Mandela criticizes UK for easing sanctions

rebuked Britain for easing sanctions on South Africa and urged Mrs Thatcher to adhere to the policies of the EC.

The European Parliament yesterday passed an emer-gency resolution welcoming Mr Mandela's release but saying the time is not yet right to lift any sanctions.

Speaking to foreign journalists from the garden of his house in Soweto, Mr Mandela said the recent reforms an-

Mr Nelson Mandela yesterday nounced by President de

"There is no need to review the question of sanctions at all Continued on page 20, col 7 | subject, Mr Ligachov said: "I opposition to private owner-

British Nuclear Fuels, which runs the Sellafield concern" and called for urgent action to reduce radiation dose limits for employees. BNF said it would offer medical counselling to all employees and their families but Dr Adam Lawson, chief medical officer, said the study proved radiation was not the sole cause of leukaemia. The report was a "superb, first-

The report covers a period of 36 years, when there were 74 cases of leukaemia in West Cumbria. Of that 74, only 10 involved parents of children who worked at Sellafield. showing that radiation in itself cannot be the cause of leukaemia and there must be some other factors," he said.

Mr Bill Brett, general sec-retary of the Institution of Professionals, Managers and Specialists, which has 9,000 members in the nuclear industry, said: "There must be prompt examination of radiation dose limits and further action to protect employees."

Mr Frank Dobson, the Labour energy spokesman, called for studies at every nuclear installation to establish the level of the health hazard; and Mr Malcohn Bruce, the Liberal Democrat environ A 1988 study by Comare ment spokesman, demanded into leukaemia clusters at the immediate abandonment round Dounreay found six of the Thorp reprocessing plant being built at Sellafield between 1968 and 1984, five and the phasing out of all reprocessing.

> Professor Alan Emery, e-meritus professor of human genetics at Edinburgh University medical school, said that if it were true that a genetic mutation of workers' sperm was the cause of the disease in their children, there was no way of screening for it. He was unconvinced that the study results pointed to a genetic mutation of sperm as the cause, saying leukaemia was

> not a genetic disease. The peak incidence of the most common form of childhood leukaemia is at the age of six or seven years; it declines thereafter. Two out of three cases of the disease can be cared by conventional chemotherapy. There is no test which can detect a genetic pre-disposition to leukaemia, either in children or adults.

From Nicholas Beeston, Soweto and Peter Guilford, Strasbourg

preconditions necessary to lift economic measures imposed

Angry whites...

on Pretoria. "The British Government should not act unilaterally on this question," said Mr Mandela.



Child of Sellafield: Gemma D'Arcy, aged six, the third cancer victim at her school, with her father Stephen, a Sellafield worker who is taking legal action against British Nuclear Faels

Britain and Argentina restore diplomatic ties

From Andrew McEwen, Diplomatic Editor, Madrid, and Michael Knipe in London

years of bitterness, Britain and Argentina last night agreed to resume diplomatic relations and lift the 150-mile Proteotion Zone around the Falklands. It is to be replaced with a system of exchanges of military information.

The agreement, which was announced in Madrid at a joint Anglo-Argentine press clears the way for the two countries to exchange ambassadors. Sir Crispin Tickell, Britain's permanent representative to the United Na-

In an accord ending eight Solar, his Argentine counter- discussed but is likely to be the part, made

announcement. A diplomat in the talks said it had taken much longer to renew relations between the March 31. These will involve two countries than it had between Britain and Germany

Leading article. after the Second World War.

conference after talks which Even in the last hours of ran on longer than expected, negotiation there were delays caused by differences over the

wording of the final communiqué. does not regard the sov-Neither side changed its creignty of the Falklands as an position on the sovereignty of urgent issue, so it remained off

tions, and Señor García del the Falklands, which was not the agenda.

the subject of a demarche by the Argentine authorities.

New security arrangements are to come into force from both sides giving advance notice of military manoeuvres

Talks on fisheries are to continue and arrangements for visits by Argentinians to war cemeteries in the Falklands are to be worked out through the Red Cross.

President Menem of Argentina has made it clear that he

Ligachov fights hired labour

Mr Yegor Ligachov, the the shall fight to try to convince ship of property and other yesterday promised to fight the introduction of private hired labour in the Soviet the battle outside the party. Speaking on BBC2's News-

"I shall try to prove my point outside the party, if that Union and threatened to take is necessary. But that's also a hypothetical question."

Mr Ligachov, considered night television programme as the leading orthodox Comthe Supreme Soviet in Mosmunist in the party apparatus, cow began a debate on the has never made a secret of his

hardline Polithuro member, people ... it's a question of the aspects of the free market. At last week's Central Com-

mittee plenum he spoke against "opening the slightest chink to permit the introduction of private ownership' and called for a national referendum on the issue.

In last night's interview, he said he favoured an economy Continued on page 6, col 4

Scientists doubt Perrier line on benzene source



By Mark Souster

Scientists yesterday cast doubt on the explanation by Perrier of how its natural mineral water became contaminated with benzene, which has been linked

They said it was unheard of for benzene to be produced naturally and the contamination of the naturally carbonated mineral water was more likely to have occurred through manmade pollution seeping into the spring. But they emphasized there was no health

risk to the public. M Gustave Leven, Perrier's chairman, said on Wednesday that the contamination was the result of "a human error" when filters in its bottling plant at Vergèze, south-west France, were not replaced on schedule. He said that the solvent containing benzene to remove

benzene, which has caused cancer in laboratory animals and other chemicals were naturally present, albeit in minute amounts, in the spring.

The company uses filters to remove such impurities, he said, but for some reason they were not changed when they Spectrum

should have been. "There was therefore an accumulation of benzene." That statement changed the company's account of how the benzene got into the bottles. When the chemical was

found in Perrier in the US, company

officials said it had occurred because a

worker had mistakenly used a cleaning

grease and grime from production

Experts yesterday said that naturallyproduced benzene was unheard of. Dr John Fawell, principal toxicologist at the Water Research Centre, Medmenham, Buckinghamshire, said: "It is just not credible that this is naturally occurring.

Dr Stephen White, principal drinking water scientist at Thames Water, said: "I would question the validity of Perrier's statement. It seems unlikely."

As remaining bottles of Perrier were removed from UK supermarket shelves, the company's rivals made contingency plans to exploit the gap in the market. Plans to close the Buxton Mineral Water plant for two weeks' maintenance were postponed immediately and production stepped up from eight to 24 hours a day.

Major rules out relief on mortgages and interest

By Robin Oakley and Nicholas Wood

increase in the mortgage tax economic policies which had relief ceiling in the Budget made them necessary.

He also offered no hope of that the high rates were "diffian early reduction in interest rates, despite the alarm in buyers. His comments came Conservative circles at the after the Cabinet had spent 20 political fallout from the minutes discussing the econrecord increase in mortgage rates to 15.4 per cent by the Abbey National.

Mr George Younger, man-ager of the Prime Minister's campaign in the Tory leadership contest last year, concoded yesterday in a BBC radio interview. "There will be some people who have mortgages who are already very extended for whom this is the last straw. That is very unfortunate indeed and that will have some effect in the

There is a growing conviction among Tory MPs reflected in ministerial ranks that bitter defeats lie ahead in the Mid-Staffordshire parliamentary by-election and the May local elections, thanks to interest rates and the poll tax.

Ministers are sticking grimly to the line that inflation is the worst evil and that the battle against inflation. requiring continued high interest rates, must have priority. But they recognize that they will pay a heavy penalty unless that policy shows noticeable dividends by the time of this year's autumn

Mr John Major, the Chan-cellor of the Exchequer, yes-small businessmen, were not cellor of the Exchequer, yes-terday virtually ruled out an the people responsible for the

The Chancellor admitted omy and the strains in Tory

Parliament. Jobless fears

ranks imposed by the record mortgage level, continued high interest rates and the unpopularity of the poll tax.

There was, however, some good news for ministers. De-spite widespread expectation that the long run of falling unemployment figures would come to an end, vesterday's unemployment total fell for the forty-second consecutive

Unemployment dropped by 23,200 to 1,611,000 seasonally adjusted basis. Britain's 5.7 per cent jobless rate is substantially lower than the European Community

In a clash over mort rates between Mr Neil Kinnock and the Prime Minister at Question Time, the Labour leader accepted what he called her "confession" that it was government economic policies which were responsible for the present level of mortgage rates.

Mr Major yesterday was Barclays Bank said yes-reminded by his party's MPs terday that it would hold its that those suffering the effects mortgage rate until May 1.

Tunnel cash crisis

By John Bell, City Editor

The £7.2 billion channel tunnel project is days away from running out of cash after a refusal by Transmanche Link, the construction consortium, to accept proposed management changes at Eurotunnel. At the beginning of January, man and chief executive as

cash resources available but reshuffle yesterday. now has enough money to last

Eurotunnel and TML, which is understood to want the British co-chairman, Mr Alastair Morton, removed from day-to-day involvement with the construction project. He was named deputy chair-Eurotunnel had £50 million of part of a top management

"TML hasn't yet signed less than two weeks.

New bank financing, agreed in January, was to tide Eurotunnel over until May.

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NEWS ROUNDUP

Strike vote likely by Mersey crews

are likely to defy their national union leaders and vote for an all-out indefinite strike (Tim Jones writes). Last night, Mr Ray Clayton, branch secretary of the National Union of Public Employees, said he expected the result, to be announced on Monday, to be overwhelmingly in favour of a

The ballot is being held in spite of the insistence of Mr Roger Poole, the unions' chief negotiator, and his colleagues that the 999 emergency service must be maintained. Union leaders, who on Wednesday instructed crews to refuse to obay instructions from chief ambulance officers and senior managers, fear that any move to turn the six-month dispute into a strike would lose public support.

Mr Clayton said: "For three months, 150 of our staff have been without pay. We now have about 100 accident and emergency staff in the same position." He said his staff had tood the national line all the way so far and had done this

Welsh actors held

Bryn Fon, a Welsh singer and actor, and his girl friend were being questioned by police in Wales last night in connection with the underground movement Mebion Glyndwr (Ruth Gledhill writes). Mr Fon, aged 35, was taken from his home the police station at Dolgellau on Wednesday. Hours later, his girl friend, Anna Wyn Williams, was taken to the station. Yesterday Mr Meirion Jones, an actor, was arrested at Llangernyw, near Abergele, and was released on bail. A third actor, Mr Daffyd Thomas, aged 41, was arrested in London.

Labour MP's threat

A Labour MP is threatening to take legal action against the party over its alleged failure to investigate complaints that he was deselected by foul play (Nigel Williamson writes). Mr John Hughes, the left-wing MP for Coventry North-east, whose replacement by Mr Bob Ainsworth has already been endorsed by Labour's National Executive, has drawn up a 200-page dossier of complaints regarding the vote. A verbal report will be given to the executive on Monday.

Piper inquiry ends

The Piper Alpha public inquiry into the world's worst offshore oil disaster, in which 167 people died on July 6, 1988, ended in Aberdeen yesterday after almost 13 months in session. Originally expected to last for only a few months, the inquiry set a record as Britain's longest disaster hearing. It sat for 180 days, hearing 260 witnesses, at an estimated cost to the state of over £4 million. The inquiry's report is expected to be published later this year.

Four die in car crash

Three adults and a baby were killed last night when their car travelling north collided with an articulated lorry on the A1 Morpeth bypass in Northumberland. Firemen had to cut the victims free from the wreckage of the car. The road was closed to traffic and police are investigating the cause. Four police ambulances were sent as no others were available due to the ambulance staff pay dispute. The crash victims have

Drinkers on the binge

As many as 300,000 people in Wales go on a harmful drinking binge at least once a week, a survey by the Health Promotion Authority suggests. Amid concern that Wales is one of the worst regions for alcohol abuse, the report shows that young men in manual jobs are the worst binge drinkers. "Binge drinking" was defined as the equivalent of five pints of beer or 10 single whiskies for men, and, for women, as seven single gins or seven glasses of wine.

Defence industry

staff is proposed

By Michael Evans, Defence Correspondent

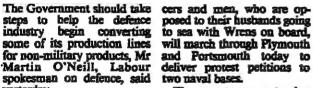
steps to help the defence industry begin converting to sea with Wrens on board some of its production lines for non-military products, Mr Martin O'Neill, Labour spokesman on defence, said vesterday.

He said disarmament was already under way and it was the Government's responsibility to ensure that the skills and expertise of those employed in defence work were not wasted. He proposed that an arms conversion agency be set up to provide training for skilled defence workers to switch to new areas of civilian production and technology.

Mr O'Neill, addressing a conference at the Centre for Product Development Services in Sheffield, added: "The work should start now. Disarmament is already happening. The consequent reduction in arms production must be the engine for change.

"The reduction in demand for the output of the armaments industry means that it is the management and the workers who are looking for new markets and new products on which to expend their skills and capabilities."

Mr O'Neill said the 500,000 British defence industry represented one of the greatest concentrations of skilled labour in the world. It would be Mr O'Neill: "Disarmament



The announcement that women would be allowed to serve on warships was made last week.Mrs Jayne Green, aged 32, organizer of the Plymouth march, said that when the US Navy allowed women on ships, 35 per cent of them became pregnant in the first year. "We do not think we have a chance of getting the Navy to change its mind, but we think we should

have been consulted." Mrs Ann Howell, organizer of the Portsmouth march, said she expected bundreds of wives to join in. "We have got enough to worry about will



Protest on student loans brings traffic to a standstill



Protesting students, flanked by police, marching across Chelsea Bridge, London, yesterday on their way to Hyde Park to demonstrate against the loans Bill.

Food experts want strict laws to control manufacturers and outlets

be introduced to control the food industry and have urged nt measures to ensure that all food outlets are inspected before being allowed

A report produced by a team of experts under the chairmanship of Sir Mark Richmond, Vice-Chancellor of Manchester University, was published by Mr Kenneth Clarke, Secretary of State for

Health, yesterday. The committee recommended tighter controls for the poultry industry and said that managers and supervisors

in the food manufacturing

staff in outlets should by law have to be adequately trained. It also highlighted an urgent need for a better understand-

ing of the potentially fatal

disease of listeria.

Mr Clarke welcomed the report as "constructive and thorough", and said: "We shall follow up positively its many useful recommendations. We trust that others to whom recommendations are addressed, in particular the food industry and environmental health authorities, will examine it to see how the level of food safety in this country

can be further raised." The committee's proposal

Experts investigating the rise industry must be properly for the introduction of licens-in food poisoning cases have trained in the hazards of food ing of food outlets goes further recommended that strict laws poisoning organisms and that than the Government's plans, which involve all premises having to register with a local authority without the need for inspection before they open

The committee said there was a "considerable advantage in prior inspection and approval before a food business is opened or a process

Mr Clarke said the proposals went further than the Government felt necessary. "We do, however, see the value of the committee's views on prior notification and we intend to introduce a simple system of prior registration which would not im-

tive burdens but would help business and enforcement authorities alike." Professor Richard Lacey,

the food safety critic, said the

committee's report would

only help "a little" to control food poisoning. "The real issue, I believe - the nature of the food processing industry — is not being addressed there." Professor Lacey, professor of microbiology at Leeds Uni-versity, said the report "will

also tend to favour the large food produce companies of which the membership of this committee is comprised".

The committee included representatives from Unilever, Trusthouse Forte, Cadbury Schweppes and Sainsbury's. He added: "I think this is heavily biased towards tending to blame most of our problems on the food sellers. What we need to sort out is the food processing industry.

"I welcome reservedly the need to improve outlets, but I am very much aware, in so doing this will benefit the large companies and fails to address the current defects in the food processing industry."

In spite of increased aware-ness of the need for food hygiene, figures show an increase in 1989 of the most common types of food poisoning. Last year there were more than 60,000 cases in total with just under 30,000 people hit by salmonella, compared with

By Sam Kiley Higher Education Reporter

Thousands of students marched through exclusive London suburbs yesterday in protest at the Student Loans Bill as it had its third reading in the

The students brought traffic to a standstill as they marched through Chelsea and Mayfair. Police deployed belicopters. and large numbers of officers with riot equipment waited in reserve, the result of violent clashes between mounted police and students on the last national demonstation in Lon-

don two years ago.
Nine students were arrested and two policemen slightly injured during scuffles. The loans Bill is expected to a harsh ride through the House of Lords in a fortnight's time when senior backbench

Tory peers, notably Lord Beloff, join Labour and Democrat peers in expressing distaste for the proposals.

The Government plans to freeze student maintenance grants at 1990 levels (about £2,500 a year for those eligible

 Mr Neil Kinnock was last night snubbed by left-wing teachers who walked out of a meeting he was due to address in the Central Hall, West-

More than 400 teachers brought to Parliament by the National Union of Teachers to lobby MPs over pay left the hall moments before Mr Kinnock was due to speak to ttend an alternative meeting

News of the descrited hall reached Mr Kinnock's private office and his speech was

cancelled.
Mr Dong McAvoy, general secretary of the union, said:
"It's the first time in my experience that an NUT lebby has been divided by the deliberate organization of an alternative meeting."

The alternative meeting was rganized by the Campaign for Democratic and Fighting

 Mr McAvoy said rising interest rates and poor pay was making recruitment and retention of teachers more

● The 3,000 members of the Association of Polytechnic Teachers yesterday voted to accept a 6.5 per cent pay offer back-dated to April 1 last year plus a further 1 per cent from last September from the Poly-technics and Colleges Employers Forum.

Contamination fears

Transition role for | Farmers demand cattle feed labels

By Michael Hornsby, Agriculture Correspondent

Ferry port check led to explosives charges

ful possession of explosive substances,

including a quantity of sodium chlorate

and 10 mercury tilt switches. They

denied the charges.

The anti-terrorist Special Criminal

Court in Dublin was told that the couple

was arrested at Rosslare Harbour in Co

Wexford on July 12 last year after getting

off a ferry from Cherbourg, France.

The three judges, sitting without a

jury, were told that when stopped by

customs. Mr Hardy claimed to be a

gardener and said the white substance found in his suitcase was "weed-killer".

Animal feed manufacturers EC's Council of Agriculture would hope that animal feed are being pressed to list the ingredients in their products in the wake of crises linked to contaminated feed. These have included lead in imported cattle cake, the "mad cow" disease BSE, which is believed to have been

caused by feeding cattle the remains of scrapie-infected sheep, and salmonella in poultry flocks and eggs. Manufacturers are not re-

declare the broad proportions of proteins, fibre, oil, minerals and vitamins it contains with some information on the energy content. This week delegates to the annual general meeting of the National Farmers' Union voted unanimously for a

in the law making a detailed

declaration of the ingredients

in feed compulsory. New

By Edward Gorman

Irish Affairs Correspondent

Two alleged members of a provisional

IRA active service unit operating against

British targets on the Continent were

arrested as a result of a routine customs

check at an Irish ferry port, a Dublin

Leonard Hardy, aged 28, originally

from Belfast but with an address at Bally

Shannon Avenue, Coolock, Dublin, and

Donna Maguire, aged 22, of John Martin Gardens, Newry, face charges of unlaw-

court was told yesterday.

Ministers, including Mr John Gummer for Britain, last month will require feed companies to list individual ingredients, or categories of ingredients, by descending order of weight.

But those regulations will not come into force for at least 18 months. There is also likely to be argument over how the concept of "categories" is defined - whether it would be quired by law to say in any enough simply to say "cere-detail what they put into their als" or whether the type of their feed, but merely to grain would have to be specified.

"We will be pressing the minister to try to speed up the process", Mr David Naish, the mion vice-president, said. "If we are to be held responsible for the safety of the food we produce, we must know what is in the bag of feed resolution calling for a change

we buy from the merchant," Dr David Clark, Labour spokesman on agriculture, said: "We very much welcome

companies will not drag their heels but anticipate the regulations by complying with them even before they have been implemented."

But the food companies indicated yesterday that they would continue to resist full exposure on the grounds that they would be disclosing commercial secrets and that it would push up the price of animal feed.

"We spend about £2 million a year on research and development, much of which goes on nutritional aspects of our diets," Mr Tim Brigstocke, chief agricultural adviser of BOCM Silcock, the biggest animal feed manufacturer in materials for Bibby, another Britain with about 20 per cent

of the market, said. "By disclosing exact details of our formulations we would be making the results of our research available to everybody. We think that is unfair." Farm nutrition has become formulate feeds to achieve maximum results with the lowest-cost ingredients in a competitive market. Manufacturers say ingredients may have to be

which computers are used to

changed from day to day, even from hour to hour, and relabelling sacks every time would be difficult if not impossible. The price and quality of

raw materials often vary widely. A lot of the skill lies in varying the ingredients in the formula so as to preserve the quality but keep the price of the ration below that being offered by your competitor."
Mr Pat Lake, who buys raw

big feed company, said.
"Under the proposed new labelling requirements, we would not have the same flexibility to change the formula when the cost of ingredients rises. That could mean that we have to put up the regulations adopted by the the new EC regulations. We a sophisticated science in prices of our rations.

During a bail application in the case last

year, Det Inspector Kevin Carty, of the

Miss Maguire as part of an IRA unit

Two men "seduced by the false

glamour of the IRA" were jailed for 18 years yesterday. Gerry Forbes, aged 21, and Gary Breslin, aged 22, both from

Strabane, Co Tyrone, were caught with a

drogue bomb at Strabane in January last

year. Police later found an AK-47 assault

rifle and ammunition hidden in a garden, Belfast Crown Court was told.

operating in Europe last summer.

police, described Mr Hardy and

Mackay proposes to widen review over libel awards

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

excessive libel awards and other measures to cut delays Lord Chancellor last May. and costs in libel cases was announced by the Lord Chancellor yesterday.

The main change would give the Court of Appeal

power to increase or reduce libel damages where it considers these have been excessive or inadequate. Now that can only be done if the parties agree. The only other option at present is for the Court of Appeal to order a new trial.

Lord Mackay of Clashfern,

the Lord Chancellor, said the agree." measures were aimed at securing "more appropriate awards without reducing the role of The reforms come in the

wake of increasingly large libel awards, culminating before Christmas with that of £1.5 million in the libel action brought by Lord Aldington against Count Nikolai Tolstoy

and Mr Nigel Watts.
Lord Mackay said yesterday: "The Government has examined the current issues and complaints relating to the law of defamation and has found that there are justified criticisms."

The package, contained in

A package of reforms to curb and Legal Services Bill, stems from a review set up by the

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Poice début fo

The main reforms propose greater powers for the Court of Appeal to increase or reduce goes up to that court on appeal. At present, Lord Mackay said, the Court of Appeal had inadequate powers of review in such cases. "Even if the Court of Ap-

peal considers that a jury award is excessive or inadequate it can only substitute its own award if both parties Otherwise, he said, "the

court was limited to ordering a new trial, involving further delay and expense to the parties." He emphasized that the role of the jury would not be changed. In a second reform, the rules

for pleadings, the written preparation of arguments in libel cases, are to be reviewed by the Supreme Court procedure committee. Those rules have been criticized as complex.

In a third move, Lord Mackay said he wanted to consider whether some categories of libel case should be heard in the county court. The an amendment tabled by the first step was to see if the rules Government to the Courts could be simplified.

Prosecution costs doubled under CPS

By Sheila Gunn, Political Reporter

The costs of criminal prosecutions have almost doubled since the Crown Prosecution Service took over handling court cases from the police.

The findings of the Commons public accounts committee yesterday follow severe criticism of the CPS, set up in 1986, and given to MPs as part of the Commons home affairs committee's investigation. The cross-party PAC re-ported that the service cost

£134 million in 1987/88 compared to a previous budget for prosecutions of £70 million. Originally the Home Office

estimated that setting up the CPS would require 2,500 staff and release 600 police officers for other duties. But staffing needs had risen to 4,829 and the saving in police time has been much less than expected. although the PAC found it difficult to estimate.

"In these circumstances we find it surprising that, more than two-and-a-half years

after becoming operational, the service had not fully met the initial objectives set by the Government, mainly because it still did not have enough staff," the report said.

It singles out the use of agent lawvers to fill the gaps left by severe staff shortages as the main cause of higher costs. Last year £7.4 million had to be spent on employing agents.

The PAC backed up criticism from the police about the number of court cases dropped by the CPS but found wide variations. For instance, 13.4 per cent of prosecution proceedings were discontin-ued in West Yorkshire compared with only 2.4 per cent in Nottinghamshire.

Sellafield cancer victim 'not surprised by findings' then there are quite a few cases that three years. The other two died. Last

After a painful battle against cancer the findings of Professor Martin Gardner's report did not surprise Vivien Hope, aged 23, of Seascale, Cambria. Two years ago she devel-oped Hodgkin's Lymphona, a dis-ease linked directly to radiation.

Her father, David, retired last year. He had worked at the British Nuclear Fuels plant at Sellafield for 32 years as a fitter, spending much of the time in radioactive areas.

Vivien, who spent a year in a wheelchair after intensive chemotherapy and bone marrow transplants, at one stage had tumours attacking her spine, kidneys and neck glands. Her recovery has startled medical staff at the hospital in Newcastle where she was treated but yesterday she said that early in

her treatment the family had been told by medical specialists that the cause of her illness could have been a defective gene from her father transferred at conception.

Vivien worked for three years as a technical clerk for contractors at the Sellafield plant a few miles from the family home in Lingmell Crescent, Seascale. She now walks with the help of a stick and the Hopes are one of the families taking legal action against BNFI.

Mr Hope said: "I never used to think anything about these stories of radiation damage. Until it hits your own family you never do and the

whole of West Cumbria depends on the BNFL plant. "We thought the cause could have been something like this at the time and the medical people mentioned it

as a possibility two years ago, but

do not fit the pattern In Cleator Moor, 10 miles from

the Sellafield plant, Mr Stephen D'Arcy, aged 30, a BNFL worker, had returned from the hospital in Newcastle where his daughter Gennus, aged six, is being treated

"She is very ill and has just undergone bone marrow transplant but she is in little pain. She has no white blood cells at all. They may not come back, we just don't know. But the doctors are optimistic," he said as he learnt of the report suggesting that defective genes transferred at conception from the father's sperm could be at the root of

Gemma is the third child at St Patrick's Infant School in Cleator Moor to contract exocer in the past year a second daughter the D'Arcy family hoped could provide bone

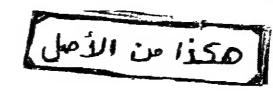
The D'Arcys have joined the legal action against BNFL although Mr D'Arcy admitted it felt like biting the band that fed them. He said his work with a contractor at the nuclear plant had put him in "active" radiation areas for two years. There was no option to working at Seliafield. "If I didn't go there we would not eat," he said.

Other pureuts in Seascale questioned about the report said they had not yet had a chance to discover the details. Some wondered if it was "yet another scare" and that such stories exaggerated the numbers involved. One woman said there were 14,000 people working at the plant and that thousands more depended

about the findings before they left work yesterday and shop stewards were last night considering their response. BNFL has said the report came from a respectable source but it did not believe it established a link between radioactive discharges from the plant and childhood leukaemia.

We welcome research and we always have welcomed research into this area but this report finds no correlation between radioactive discharges and such factors as playing on the beach, enting local senfood or walking on the fells, which might reflect differences in exposure to radioactivity.

"It seems to be saying the main danger is from the people but only 10 of the 74 children involved over a 36year period were children whose



Wapping violence

Police chiefs reject criticisms over handling of protest

Scotland Yard yesterday ings and bottles - were col- violence against police officers admitted mistakes were made in policing a mass demonstration at New International's Wapping plant three years ago, but rejected a number of key criticisms in a report by Northamptonshire police.

The report found that the police chain of command broke down; officers in charge of mounted police saw their orders changed by a deputy assistant commissioner; and there was "indiscriminate" use of truncheons.

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But the report, a summary of which was published by the Police Complaints Authority yesterday, added that only a very small number of the 1,400 officers on duty behaved badly, and a "hard core" of protesters was intent on vi-olent confrontation with po-lice when 12,000 demonstrators gathered to mark the first anniversary of the Wapping dispute on January 24, 1987.

The summary says the demonstration was twice the size expected. It included family groups and had started good-humouredly, but the mood changed as the mile-

long march reached Wapping A lorry was overturned, and in just 33 seconds more than 200 pieces of concrete and broken paving stone flew at police lines. A severed pig's head wearing a policeman's helmet was impaled on the railings outside the News International plant near the police cordon, and at the end of the night, more than three tons of missiles - including cast-iron railings, scaffolding

lected. One hundred and ninety-four policemen and 99 other people were injured.

The summary published yesterday says: "It is a matter of conjecture whether the violence was spontaneous or orchestrated and planned", but it notes that speakers on a platform near by refused to urge demonstrators not to throw missiles.

While praising police efforts, the summary criticizes breaches in the command structure, training, and failure to use intelligence correctly. It says that at one stage the top management collapsed as Deputy Assistant Commissioner Wynn Jones, who was not on the scene, intervened to stop horses being used.

It also says that one central officer was isolated without an overall view. "The command structure and its support mechanism established to police the demonstration contained weaknesses which from the outbreak of disorder inevitably manifested themselves in such a way that no person could be considered to be in effective command of

the operation as a whole." Some units lacked experience, manpower and equipment yet acted professionally and with discipline in spite of extreme provocation; but a number of public order units used their truncheons indiscriminately without apparent control or supervision, the summary says.

Mr Jones disputed the re-

by a substantial minority of

He had been working in his office that night and had made clear to the officer in charge at Wapping that he would be available if necessary. As things got worse, he told the officer on the ground he was coming to Wapping. On the way, he heard of the possible use of horses and stopped it until he could assess the situation. He took over con-

He also disputed the sugges-tion that many senior officers had not received public order

Mr Jones was joined in his criticisms by Assistant Com-missioner Peter Winship, in overall charge of the Yard's complaints system, who said: "There were mistakes made that night. The majority of officers maintained discipline and acted in a wholly professional manner against an unrelenting kind of hostility Mr Winship said the Yard

accepted recommendations covering such areas as better identification plates for po-licemen and ways of effectively warning the public of the use of horses, but would not accept that police had used nately, and "profoundly challenged" other criticisms.

During the inquiry into the

handling of the demonstra-tion, 114 officers were interviewed and more than 30 THE TIMES FRIDAY FEBRUARY 16 1990 الأصل الأصل المالكة Honours for military family £4,000 prize-winner



port's version of events yes-terday, saying it failed to been adjourned pending an identify many incidents of appeal to the House of Lords.

MP had taken his own life. "The

community has lost a very great

public servant. This was a man who

had given so much, and who still

had so much more to give," Mr

Mr Heddle had been MP for Mid-

Staffordshire since 1979 and was a

former chairman of the Conser-

vatives' parliamentary environment

committee. His business interests

included being an underwriting member of Lloyds and a consultant

Times Portfolio Platinum competition, Mr Peter Huish, was taking his £4,000 windfall in his stride

yesterday. "I'm in my seventies now so I have to take things a little easy," he said.

"I've read The Times for years, but I'm not a habitual checker of the Portfolio numbers. But when I did this time they just clicked. I'm very grateful to have won."

Mr Huish retired from his post as the superintendent of a Plymouth insurance firm several years ago and now lives quietly with his wife at nearby Newton Ferrers.

plans for a celebration or a spending spree. "I think it will be invested for the



Mr Huish: "I am very grateful to have won.

married in the next six

New 'charge cap' warning on high poll tax

By Richard Ford, Political Correspondent

amplified its warning to local authorities that it would "charge cap" those setting excessive community charge levels amid alarm that many will set a figure above Department of the Environment recommendations.

A series of ministerial statements on charge capping was seen at Westminster as an attempt to put pressure on local authorities, particularly the shire counties, to modcrate spending proposals be-fore budgets are set next

Ministers said they would act against councils of any political persuasion whose budgets resulted in an excessive community charge.

Mr Bryan Gould, Labour spokesman on the environ-ment, said the Government's action showed how badly it had miscalculated its own assessment of what local authorities had to spend. He said: "The Govern-

ment's poll tax chickens are coming home to roost with a vengeance. The reality is that in order to maintain services, the majority of authorities, including many Tory councils, will fix the poll tax at levels way above government

He said: "Charge capping is very bad news for poll tax payers. Not only is it an admission that their bills are going to be much higher. In addition to this, they will also suffer cuts in services and

massive job losses."

the Government of "bullying" local authorities, the Prime Minister led the assault on high-spending local authorities. She told MPs there was no justification in Lancashire County Council's proposed budget which was the equivalent of a 30 per cent rates rise.

Mrs Thatcher said: "The Secretary of State for the Environment has made it perfectly clear that if authorities continue to spend excessively we will not besitate to cap them.'

The shire authorities must set their projected budgets by March 1 with district and metropolitan councils having a deadline of March 11.

In an effort to influence both Conservative and Labour authorities which are at present finalizing their budgets for the forthcoming year, Mr David Hunt, Minister for Local Government, said: "Whatever the political complexion we shall not hesitate to act if we need to."

He said: "If some of the horrendously high figures which are being bandied about at present do result in excessive budgets being set, which would in turn result in excessive community charging, we shall not hesitate to can authorities."

Mr Hunt said he hoped that councils considering excessive levels of spending would rein back on their plans.

Sir Geoffrey How leader of the House, said local authorities which budgeted prudently and sensibly had

Daughter tells how she tried to stop MP's suicide Burchill said that, after extensive pressure of work. Mr Heddle saw escape from the conclusion that the

By David Sapsted

Mr John Heddle's daughter tried to persuade the MP not to kill himself three days before his body was found in his fume-filled Jaguar at a Kent chalkpit, an inquest was told

Mr Heddle, Conservative MP for Mid-Staffordshire, had a history of depression stretching back to the early 1970s and had attempted suicide before, Miss Caroline Hed-

dle told the inquest in Canterbury. Miss Heddle, a veterinary surgeon and the eldest of four children from the MP's first marriage, said her father had been particularly depressed since last September because of financial problems and

Move to post

at the Yard

Miss Marcia Barton, aged 46,

who today clears her desk as a

senior local government pay negotiator in Belgrave Square,

London, to become general secretary to the Association of

Chief Police Officers,

representing Britain's top policemen, at Scotland Yard.

The association, which covers

ranks from assistant chief

constable upwards, has only

nis daughter on the Friday evening before his death on December 19. He was "very depressed, very down", she told Mr Richard Sturt, the East Kent coroner.

"He said he had been through bad times before but he couldn't see any way out this time. He said sometimes suicide was the only way out. I told him that suicide wasn't the answer... wasn't the solution to the problem," Miss Heddle said.

Mr Heddle was found in his blue XJS Jaguar little more than 72 hours the exhaust and into the car through the passenger window.

On his lap were a handwritten

taken out large mortgages in the past two years, had re-ceived two letters and two

telephone calls from bor-

It was not a dramatic res-

age interest rates to a record

ponse to the increase in mort-

15.4 per cent, but the man-

ager, Mr Neville Oakes, said, "a lot of our borrowers have a

sense of the inevitable. The

effects will only come when

they receive their monthly

Mr Oakes and his colleagues

in other branches are operat-

ing the equivalent of a hot-line

for customers. "If the diffi-

culty is about the mortgage

rowers asking for help.

graph and a card addressed to Pansy". A towel had been used to plug the gap in the car window

The inquest was told that Mr Heddle, aged 48, whose address was given as Belgravia, west London, would have been overcome by carbon monoxide fumes within three minutes of the pipe being

His car was spotted in the early morning at the chalkpit close to and he was declared dead on arrival at Kent and Canterbury Hospital.

Mortgage interest rise

Borrowers wait for the inevitable

By Christopher Warman, Property Correspondent

would be allowed to do that and each branch manager has

"We will do everything we help," a spokesman said.

discretion about how it offers

The usual temporary sol-

ution is to allow the borrower

to pay what he or she can, and

make up the difference later.

The Abbey National is not

ment period. Nor does it like

the idea of taking the property

into possession and then rent-ing it out to the former

borrower. "That tends to pro-

A London homeowner

whose £100,000 property was

the subject of a court order for could not sell their homes.

possession was allowed to Some had been separated

long the problem," it said.

Abbey National is advising keep it after a hearing at West more than a year.

By late afternoon yesterday, payment only, then I will ask borrowers to contact the comtant pany immediately about probNational's Cambridge branch, a borrower says he could pay lems. "We have expert

the manager of the Abbey what payment can be made. If pany immediately about prob-National's Cambridge branch, a borrower says he could pay lems. "We have expert where many people have £400 but not £450, then he counsellors in each branch,

can to keep him as a customer.

Possession of a house because

of arrears is the very last

resort, and I would go tap dancing on a coffee table if

Mr Oakes said the March

1988 budget, which gave people until August to take

advantage of multiple tax relief, had encouraged them to

borrow to the limit. "Since

then, salaries have increased

by perhaps 20 per cent, while

mortgage payments have gone

up by 50 to 60 per cent."

that was a way to avoid it."

for a period.

Det Chief Inspector David

inquiries, he was "completely satisfied" no other person had been involved in the MP's death.

Miss Heddle said although the threat of prosecution in Spain had been hanging over her father since an altercation with a traffic policeman there last summer, she did not consider it sufficient reason, in itself, for him to have committed suicide

Her father had received treatment for depression and Miss Heddle said her mother, who died in had tried once before to kill himself, although she did not know how. The coroner said there was no

London County Court vester-

day. His monthly repayments

had soared to £1,200 a month

after a rise in his mortgage

interest rate from 10 per cent

to 15 per cent. The court, held

in camera, allowed him to

continue payments on the

· Mr John Evans, head of the

Devon and Cornwall force, is

to ask a police authority

finance committee meeting in

Truro, Cornwall for a reloca-

tion package to be made

Thirty-five officers trans-

ferred to other stations after

promotion were living apart

from their families because

the housing slump meant they

available for police officers.

same terms as at present.

election in his constituency will take place next month. He had a majority of 14,650 at the

As the opposition accused Guinness trial embarks on its third fresh beginning

Southwark Crown Court, south London, in the hope that the trial will get under way after two false starts this

Success hinges on selecting 12 jurors from a panel of 25 people who assured Mr Justice Henry that they had the stamina to last the six months the trial could run.

In the trial Mr Ernest Saunders, the former chairman and chief executive of the Guinness brewing group, and three leading City figures face 24 counts of theft, false accounting and breaches of the Companies Act arising from the Guinness takeover of Distillers in 1986.

Mr Saunders, aged 54, of

Protagonists in the Guinness case gather this morning at Southwark Crown Court, south London, in the hope national; Mr Anthony Parnes, 44, of London, a City stockbroker, and Sir Jack Lyons, 74, of Kensington, London, a financier and arts

patron, deny the charges. They are alleged to have undertaken an illegal share support operation to ensure the success of the Distillers take-over.

The first attempt to open the case, on Monday, foun-dered when two jurors who had originally said they could serve returned on Tuesday to say that business and domes-tic commitments meant they could not continue.

Two more people were

15th century, and belonged for

300 years to the Gaekwars of

Baroda - princes of one of

India's longest standing and most powerful families. In the

late 18th century, they gave it to the Habsburgs, who then

gave it back it early this

In the last war, it was con-

sworn in from a reserve panel, the indictment was read again to the jury, and the prosecut-ing counsel, Mr John Chadwick, QC, began his opening.

On Wednesday, as he was about to continue laying out the case, a third juror said that the threat of a recurrent migraine must force her to stand down. A fourth was said to be under pressure over her absence from work for so long.

After consulting counsel, the judge discharged the jury and ordered the selection of a new panel. The need to have a big enough pool of potential jurors meant the cancellation of all new trials at the Cenual Criminal Court that day.

The 25 selected were given yesterday off to sort out

Police début for lightweight rifle

veiled a lightweight rifle yesterday, with which they tend to fight armed criminals in the 1990s.

Assistant Chief Constable Hugo Pike, of Avon and merset police, the first force to issue the gun, said: "It is a fearsome weapon — any criminal looking down the wrong end will realize it's time to call it a day." Police chiefs throughout

Britain are waiting for results from Avon and Somerset, before adopting the sophisticated Steyr siege-gun. The short-barrel, 9mm single-shot, semi-automatic rifle, made from the latest plastics and adapted from a battlefield gun, can be carried in one hand.

The rifle is sufficiently accurate and powerful to knock down a man from 100 yards away. Police chiefs believe the lethal Austrian-made weapon, which costs £600 with a telescopic sight, would bring a quick conclusion to any massacre like that in

yesterday, said: "It is an my jacket." excellent weapon which will certainly make a lot of police-



Police Sergeant Bob Moseley puts the lightweight 9mm Steyr carbine rifle through its paces.

Sergeant Bob Moseley, a containing and dealing with although it was not used.

Sergeant Bob Moseley, a containing and dealing with although it was not used.

Mr Pike said: "It is the demonstrated its capabilities and light I could carry it inside state-of-the-art weaven.

my jacket."

Avon and Somerset police will be watching our experihave already taken the weapon ence with it. We believe in the velocity long-range rifle.

face-to-face with an armed tions involving armed attack- man but sadly we are facing criminal. It is perfect for use in ers in the past month, more and more situations Mr Pike said: "It is the state-of-the-art weapon and and that of the public."

men feel safer when they are with them on two tense opera- concept of the unarmed policewhere weapons have to be brought into use for our safety

art market and the museum world at the announcement yesterday that Manchester City Art Galleries is to be used by Sotheby's as a showcase for a group of 15 Victorian paint-

ings put on sale by the British Rail Pension Fund. The works include the important painting "Dante in Exile" by Lord Leighton, estimated at £700,000, and "Pandora" by John William Waterhouse at £200,000.

Another highlight is "Atalanta's Race" by Richard Dadd, painted in 1875 while he was in Broadmoor prison for murdering his father. It is estimated at between £100,000 to £150,000. The group is expected to fetch between £1.5 and £2.5million in total at auction on June 19.

used in that way. People will see the price tags, not the art," one dealer said. "Traditional art galleries have never exhibited anything for the purpose of selling, and they never should do," a museum director said.

However, Mr Richard Gray, the gallery's new director, said: "We have got financial problems in Manchester and I am trying to encourage

SALER OUM by Sarah Jane Checkland Art Market Correspondent

people who don't normally use the building to use it more." He said Sotheby's proposed exhibition seemed of high quality and he hoped it would result in financial spin-offs" for the gallery.

The diamond Marilys Monroe wore for the promotion of Gentlemen Prefer Blondes is an attraction at Christie's New York jewellery sale on April 25. It is esti-

fiscated by the Japanese, but then mysteriously appeared on the market. The man who lent it to Marilyn was Meyer Rosenbaum, president of the Meyer jewellery company in

century.

Sale of historic aircraft A Russian MiG 21 went on show yesterday as Christie's launched an aeronautical department. The first sale will be on "How dare Manchester be April 28 (John Shaw writes). The aircraft is owned by Mr Mike Chantilly", by Cezanne -Woodley, proprietor of Aces High, a company based at North Weald, Easex, which supplies historic aircraft to the film and television industry. "This is a PF version built in the Sixtles," he said. "It is rugged, fast and believed to be the only one of its kind ever to actually come into this country." The fighter will be million, is now the pride and sold at the Imperial War Museum, Denford, near Cambridge, joy of the Yasuda fire infor more than £100,000. Between 25 and 35 aircraft will be on offer. They include a De Havilland Sea Vixen, donated for sale in aid of the BBC Children in Need appeal; a Hawker Fury,

forerunner of the Hurricane, which has been rebuilt (estimated

to fetch £200,000); an original SESa, an earlier generation of fighter built in 1922 (estimated at £300,000); and the 1929

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Gallery doubles as Sotheby showcase

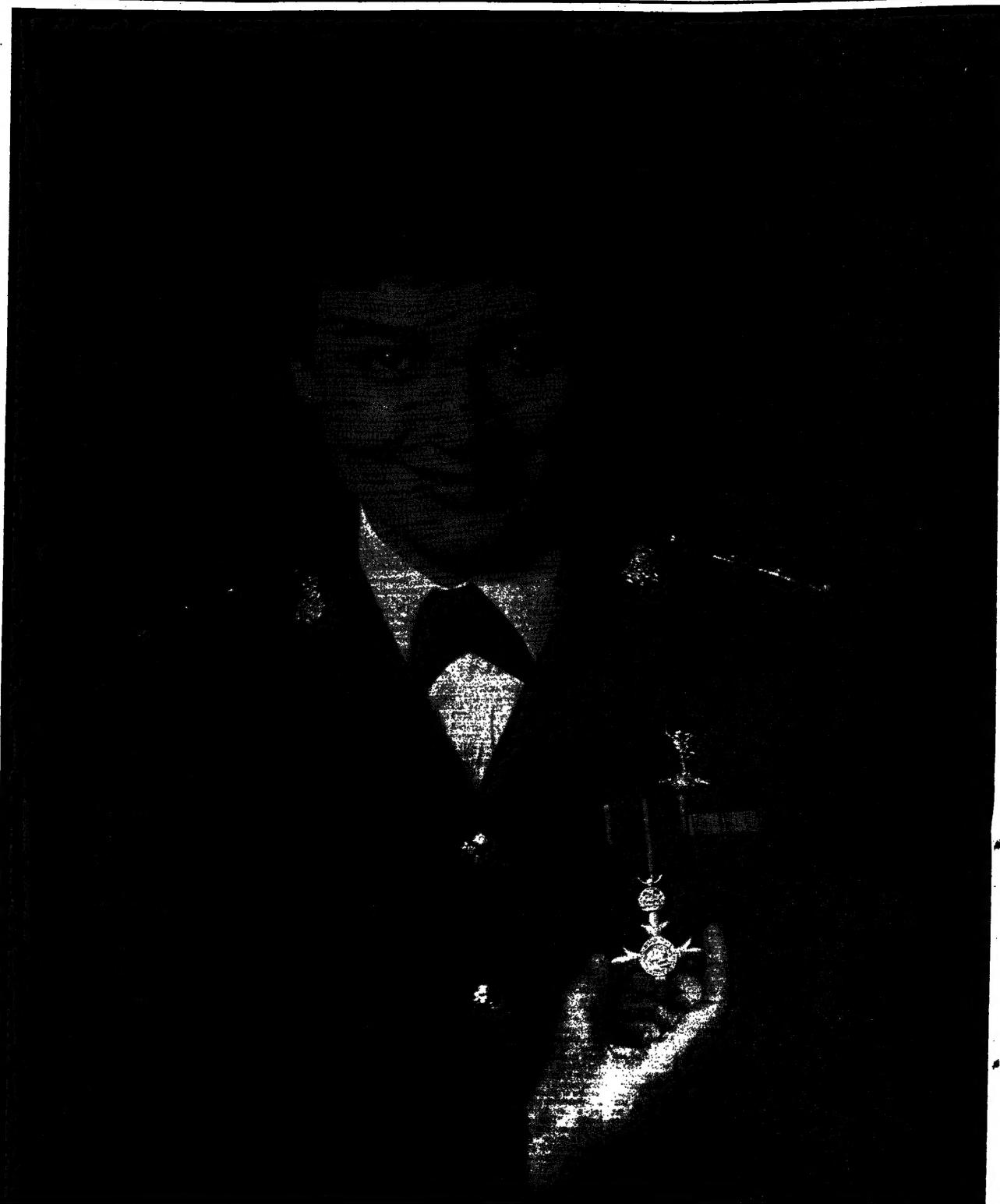
mated at up to \$120,000 Detroit, who bought it in the The 24-carat Moon of Baroda was discovered in the late

remains anonymous. outstanding records for Spanish paintings yesterday, al-though the failure rate of their Spanish sale was 40 per cent. A painting of the Arc de

Triomphe in Paris by Ulpiano Checa y Sanz caused amazement when it fetched £385,000 (estimate £60,000 to £80,000). José Gallegos y Arnosa's church interior, entitled "Choir practice", broke the for £187,000. The third record was £132,000 for "The recital" by Salvador Sanchez Barbudo.

● The two great paintings from Sir Alfred Chester Beatty's estate — "Sunflowers" by Van Gogh and "Avenue at were at opposite ends of the world yesterday.

The former, sold at Christie's three years ago for £24 surance company in Tokyo. while the latter has been acquired by the National Gallery in London after a tax family is allowed to waive £3.8



After six months in Namibia, it's back home for a spot of decorating.

At the age of 26, Capt Pippa Owens is leader of 80 men, and holder of an MBE.

She says as much for a woman's opportunities in the Army as any careers blurb ever could.

In August 1987, she passed out of the Royal Military Academy at Sandhurst.

Less than 18 months later, she was winging her way to Namibia, as Troop Commander of the advance party of 30th Signal Regiment.

Their job was to set up a radio network across an area the size of Western Europe, making sure the U.N. contingents there could communicate swiftly and efficiently.

It was a tough and demanding job. And not all the challenges faced were technical.

Living conditions were basic, the environment often hostile.

Despite all obstacles, Capt Owens excelled. Or, to put it officially, she performed 'above and beyond

In recognition of her efforts, she has been awarded the MBE.

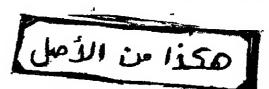
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Green Paper on probation service proposes radical changes 'to produce results'

Patten seeks national body with accent on control

Main options for centrally run system

sector or voluntary agencies, such as running of bail hostels and work with

• Greater Home Office control over

senior probation appointments;

as management boards:

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

Plans for the first national effective than running them care and control, but with far Green Paper yesterday. It heralds the biggest shake-up in the work and organization of the service since it was founded in 1907.

The Home Office proposals would create a national organization, bringing the locally based 15,000-member service under central government control and making it more closely

At the same time there would be a radical shift in the style of work of probation officers. They would be required to take a more rigorous role in supervising sentences imposed by the courts.

The Green Paper also paves the way for contracting out much of the traditional work of the service to voluntary bodies and the private sector. Such work might include running of bail hostels, conciliation work in the civil courts, working with prisoners before and after release or the running of community service

Probation officers would, in effect, become managers of a range of services, contracting out and "purchasing" others where to do so was more cost-

probation service for England themselves. The reform is more control being exercised and Wales were outlined in a simed at ensuring the probathan now." tion service implements the Government's new criminal

justice strategy, unveiled in the White Paper last week. Mr John Patten, Minister of State for Home Affairs, said yesterday: "If the White Paper proposals go through, we will see more people being pun-ished in the community and when they do come out, being supervised at a greater level of

intensity. The role of the probation service, in carrying out those functions was therefore critical, he said. "It is essential the probation service should be reorganized so that it delivers what the White Paper requires

The probation service, which costs £241 million, will get an extra £20 million to carry out the task. In return, it is expected to "produce

Mr Patten emphasized there were no plans to dismantle the on which comments are invited by June service. Since 1907, it had 30, are: grown "like Topsy" and was A new, national centrally run probaenvisaged to continue to grow substantially in the 1990s.

What we need is a new model, a thoroughly modern more emphasis on supervision and probation officer for the management of services; probation officer for the manage 1990s, who will still be mixing • Contracting out of work to private

Mr Patten rejected the notion that some probation officers would be unwilling, or even unable, to take on that new role geared to supervising penalties and to management.

"They will see this as an enormous opportunity to move centre stage, to grow in numbers and become more important to the criminal justice system. I do not believe they will turn down that Mr Patten: "An opportunity

The Green Paper central proposal for a new national

tion service for England and Wales with

100 per cent central government funding;

• A new role for probation officers, with



to move centre stage."

probation service could be lish an executive agency, as done in two ways, it says: has been proposed for the either by creating a national running of the magistrates' probation service within the courts. The present local Home Office, with a director structure is a product of and achieve greater consis- penalty. tency of standards.

At the same time, the through local authorities, might be replaced with 100 per cent central government fundprobation committees.

Mr Patten said that until monitoring was recently in-troduced, there were widely varying practices between different probation areas, which had led to charges of the service being a "soft touch" in parts of the country.

In some areas, it had been as

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On contracting out services, which will be the subject present funding system in of a separate paper to be which the Government pays issued shortly, the Green 80 per cent of the funds Paper highlights six areas where that could be done: cautioning and charging policies; bail hostels - in Mr ing, subject to cash limits. Patten's words - "running a That might be paid direct to supervised hotel service;" supervision programmes; work with prisoners; work with victims and work in the civil courts.

> The independent sector of voluntary and private-sector bodies should be more involved in work with offenders in the community, it says.

There is a core of probation long as six weeks after a court work that should always be had imposed a community done by professionaly qualiwork that should always be

system; be more accountable blunted the impact of the dent sector can provide the bation areas to provide stronnecessary services at a germanagement. The existing competitive price, there is a clear case for probation areas to purchase the services in question, rather than provide them in-house".

Some of the work might be contracted out directly by the Government, either nationally or locally.

"If there was evidence of poor-quality schemes being run by a probation service then the Government might contract with an organization to provide community service schemes in a particular area and that organization would be the designated provider."

The White Paper last week proposed that electronic monitoring, "tagging", could be done by a separate organization from the probation service. Other examples are the community service schemes, probation centres, or help and advice to prisoners.

Any private or voluntary • New default powers for the Home Secretary to replace a probation combody contracted to provide a service would be subject to new national standards promittee which does not discharge its posed in the recent White Paper for supervising offend-• Abolition of the requirement that probation officers must have social work ers and service to the courts. Such contracting out would be subject to national standards. Under the proposed reor-

service would ensure a more service order before the of-direct and flexible funding fender started work, which work where "if the indepen-suggests merging smaller proprobation committees could be reduced to make them more like boards of man-

At the same time, to improve links with the judiciary, probation committees could be required to have a circuit judge as a member. Alternatively, a nominated judge might be given oversight of different aspects of probation

The proposals would be backed by tougher powers for the Home Secretary and the Inspectorate of Probation, the Green Paper recommends.

If committees failed to ensure services were up to standard, or even refused to carry out supervision as required, the Home Secretary could declare a committee to be in "default" and appoint new members.

There is also "a clear case" for putting the inspectorate on a statutory footing to strengthen its role and make clear that its main duty is to inspect the probation services and report back.

Supervision and Punishment in the Community: A Framework for Action (Command Paper No 996, Stationery Office; £6.20)

Transport policy

National Trust fights road-building plans

By Michael McCarthy, Environment Correspondent

year reached a record mem-bership of 1,860,000, is to oppose the Government's £12 1989. billion road-building

It will make its position clear in its submission to the forthcoming environment White Paper, invited by Mr Chris Patten, the Secretary of State for the Environment.

The trust's opposition represents an unprecedented lexing of political muscle, as the membership is largely nade my of natural Conser-ative viters and far exceeds hat of any trade union.

The decision was an-

The National Trust, which last chairman, and Mr Angus Stir- May in the Roads for Prosperling, its director-general, at the ity transport White Paper. It launch of its annual report for announced that 2,700 miles of

> Dame Jesnifer said its submission to Mr Patten would comment on transport and road-building policies. "We shall be drawing attention to the threats posed by new road-building schemes to important archaeological sites, land-scapes and gardens," she said.

New roads, she said, now constituted the biggest threat to the trust, in particular "a combination of prospective trunk roads going in all directions accompanied by a num-

Post nominations early for conservation prize

for the 1990 Environment Award sponsored by The Times and BBC Radio Four's vening news programme PM, which will provide £5,000 for the best contribution to the improvement of the environ-ment by an individual or group sent of the environia Britain (Our Environm Correspondent writes).

Last year a considerable salified by late arrival, so people entering are advised to post early. The closing date is March 9.

Nominations, which should 486, 1, Pennington Street,
Landon El 9XN. People may nominate themselves. Photo-Courts in dock for squalor

crowded, have almost no refreshment facilities

today in the New Law Journal shows.

and, at best, basic toilets, a survey published

In most courts, prosecution and defence

witnesses share the same waiting area and can

overhear each other's conversations. The

survey concludes that there has been little

"Most of the courts are housed in old,

intimidating buildings which are difficult to keep clean," it says. "At best, toilets are basic, refreshment facilities are practically non-

existent and most courts have signs up

Mariborough Street has no public toilets; at Bow Street they are "very basic" with "filthy towels"; at Greenwich, 10 cells share one sink

banning food and drink from the premises."

change since a similar survey 21 years ago.



graphs (which are non-returnable) will help, and a daytime £90 million. telephone number for the The me telephone number for the The membership of people nominated is essential. 1,860,000, which it is thought • An account of a conservation will grow to more than two be of not more than 250 words, typewritten if possible, should be sent to: The Times/PM Environment Award, PO Box.

The common of a common of a common two million in 1990, makes the entries — featuring efforts to entries to save a badger family threateness to the two the balling of a new britain's largest trade union, the Transport and Common the two the balling of a new transport and Common the two the transport and Common the two the transport and Common the two transports and Common the two transports and Common the transport and transport a

By Our Legal Affairs Correspondent

London's magistrates' courts are dirty, through grilles; Highbury Corner smells of conseder, have almost no refreshment facilities urine; and at Marylebone, prisoners in custody

It is, however, likely to help Mr Patten in the forthcoming Cabinet battle to make transport policy an acceptable element of the environment meed yesterday by Dame - The Government set out its mifer Jenkins, the trust's huge roads programme last

White Paper, due to be published in September. Dame Jennifer and Mr Stirling particularly criticized the Government's decision, aned in D drive a four-lane dual carriageway through the down-land on top of the White Cliffs of Dover.

The significance of the trust's opposition to transport policy was underlined by the annual report's membership and income figures.

new or widened roads would

be added over the next 10

years and spending would be doubled to £12 billion.

attacked by several environ-

mental pressure groups, but the trust's opposition is likely

to be more unwelcome to Mr

Cecil Parkinson, the Secretary

of State for Transport.

The proposals have been

The National Trust received 338,000 new members in 1989; that increase is more than the membership of any other conservation group in Britain apart from the World Wide Fund for Nature and the Royal Society for the Protec-tion of Birds. Its income was

Baby of eight months gets first cuddle

statutory duty;

onalification; and

• Merging of the smaller of the



opardi is still waiting for his first kiss from his mother, but yesterday he got a cuddle from his father. For until now, a cuddle or kiss could have killed him: he

me system that made him valuerable to the slightest infection. However, pioneering work by Dr Graham Watson at Newcastle upon Tyne General Hos-pital means that Edward can leave

Malta. He received a bone marrow transplant from his father Joe, aged 34. Dr Watson did not live to see the success of his work: he died in a climbin accident last year. Mr Azzopardi said hospital and fly home to his mother in last night: "I owe my son's life to him."

Furniture industry told to do better

sumer watchdog said half the furniture and carpets bought in Britain gave problems, particularly over quality, delivery delays, lack of informa-tion and lack of schemes to protect pre-delivery deposits. Sir Gordon Borrie, QC, Director-General of Fair

Trading, said he had given leading retailers and manufacturers six months to act on the OFT report. He ordered the furniture and carpets.

Sir Gordon said: "It is still a depressing picture. Quite frankly, it is just not good enough. I will expect to find signs of positive progress." A survey of almost 1,000

A warning that the £5 billion a people found there had been uneven colouring. A code of Office" — was singled out for year furniture and carpet in- problems with 69 per cent of practice for the furniture special criticism. self-assembly furniture bought tomers a better deal or face in the past 12 months, togethlegal curbs was given yes-terday by the Office of Fair ered furniture, 57 per cent of being obeyed by carpets, 51 per cent of cabinets the report said.

Uphoistered furniture topped the list of complaints with quality problems in a third of all purchases within five years. Early signs of wear caused most difficulties. The most common problem with carpets was the fitting, but there tion scheme -

being obeyed by many shops, It went on: "If the industry can not, or will not, improve the situation of its own volition, the Office of Fair Trading will have no option but to consider whether legislation is appropriate,"

the National Association of

The lack of a deposit protec-

were also complaints about peated requests from the Chainsaw 'not safe'

report after a 1986 survey A chainsaw, the Black and Decker DN402, has no chainbrake showed that only cars and and should be taken off the market on safety grounds, the household appliances at- Consumers Association says today in its magazine Gardening tracted more complaints than from Which? (Paul Wilkinson writes).

"Every chainsaw should have a chainbrake which stops the chain automatically if it starts to 'kickback'. The most serious chainsaw accidents, sometimes fatal, are caused by kickback," the magazine says. When Which? tested chainsaws in 1988 it criticized models with no brake. "One famous name, the DN402, had no chainbrake and was still on sale as this edition

trade, introduced in 1978 by

The OFT has been told that such a scheme would be Retail Furnishers, was not impractical because of the prohibitive cost of operating t but refuses to accept this and urges the associations to re-examine the matter. On the industry-wide prob-

lem of delivery delays, the report said that while individual makers could help counter problems, "retailers are not totally without blame in raising consumers' expectations". Both manufacturers and retailers often provided little information to buyers and, in

some cases, makers' details were removed by the shops. The report added that shoppers were not always blameless. Some were told a piece of firmiture was not suitable for them, but went ahead and bought it - only to complain

Furniture and Carpets (Director General of Fair Trading, Chan-cery House, Chancery Lane, London WC2A ISP; no charge)

Domestic staff at 3 hospitals lose jobs

More than 100 domestic staff at three hospitals in Notjobs because their work is to be put out to tender.

The announcement by the Central Nottinghamshire Health Authority will affect 104 workers at the Victoria and Forest hospitals, Mans-field, and Newstead hospital,

Mr Paul Bowskill, the Nupe area secretary, said the union would try to persuade the health authority to change its mind but he thought the request stood only a slim chance. The contract had been awarded to Mediguard and there are to be discussions to see if staff can be offered jobs.

Raid hostages

A policeman and two members of the public were taken hostage after a raid on a mail Lancashire, yesterday. The two raiders were caught after a chase on the M65 and their

hostages released. **Assault charge** Four officers from Armley prison, Leeds, appeared in court yesterday accused of assaulting inmates and perverting the course of justice. They were granted unconditional bail until April 2.

Welsh orders

A Welsh trade mission to Saudi Arabia led by Mr Peter Walker, Secretary of State for Wales, has secured orders worth £7 million.

Wool record

Export earnings of the Yorkshire-based wool textile industry totalled a record £673 million last year, almost 10 per cent higher than the previous best in 1988.

Salmon stock

More than 6,000 young salmon are to be introduced into the Torridge in north Devon to replace stocks killed

Two remanded

Liam O'Dhuibhir, aged 28, of Dublin, and Damien Mc-Comb, 22, of Belfast, charged with conspiracy to cause an explosion, were further re-manded in custody until March 1 at Lambeth Magistrates' Court yesterday.

Sent for trial

John Keith Jones, aged 29, of Llandudno, Gwynedd, was sent for Crown Court trial yesterday accused of the murder of his father, Ivor, aged 68, and mother, Rowenna.

and toilet and conversation takes place Police failure to enforce speed limits 'is flouting law'

Mr John Hesking, the chairman of the Magistrates' Association, has accused the police of "bringing the law into disrepute" over their failure to

crack down on speeding motorists. Mr Hosking criticized a police recommendation that the motorway speed limit should be raised from 70 mph to 80 mph, and that motorists driving at up to 85 mph should not be prosecuted but given verbal warnings.

He said: "We are amazed at the naivety of the police in proposing this, and we were flabbergasted when they let it be known that they would be malikely to prosecute a motorist for driving below 85 mph on the motorway. "It brings the law into disrepute.
We do not agree with them about increasing the speed limit to 80mph is, everybody would then do 95."

rooms nor phones.

are held in cells with iron bars.

At Old Street facilities are significantly

worse than 21 years ago. There are no interview rooms, toilets are filthy with no

paper and the ladies' is down a perilous flight

of stairs; general hygiene is low and cells are

The only court which comes out well is

The survey concludes that if this is a sign of

things to come, it is "good news". But it warns:

"It may go the way of Camberwell, where there

were plans for six advocates' phones and four consultation rooms," but there are neither

By Kevin Eason, Motoring Correspondent

Thames; the new court in Bow Road, the survey says, is "a breath of fresh air", with bright clean toilets and four interview rooms.

Mr Hosking, whose organization represents 26,000 lay magistrates in England and Wales, made his comments in an interview with the magazine Antocar & Motor. However. the police diverge from the courts in their attitude to speeding offences.

The police have been finding it more difficult to cope with the numbers of motorists driving at over the legal limits. There were more than 170,000 prosecutions for speeding in 1987, the last year for which there are records, and 284,000 fixed penalty notices

The Association of Chief Police Officers issued guidelines to forces way this criticism is put. Having a saying that metorists should be let off speed limit which people disregard is

anyway. Human nature being what it with verbal warnings at speeds of up to 85 mph on motorways, providing they were driving safely.

Mr Peter Joslin, chairman of the association's traffic committee and chief constable of the Warwickshire force, defeaded its stance yesterday, saying it was "sensible policing" at a time when many drivers were exceeding speed limits on motorways. The speed limit introduced in the

account of the better roads and safer cars today. Raising the limit could also help avoid "bunching" of cars, which often leads to crashes. Referring to Mr Hosking's comments, Mr Joslin said: "I resent the way this criticism is put. Having a

1960s needed to be applated to take

bringing a law into disrepute. What we are trying to do is to deal with the realities of how drivers behave.

"The degree of prosecutions shows that the police are not disregarding speeding as an offence, but we have to take a realistic approach." ● A survey of 800 policyholders for

the Insurance Service, one of Britain's leading motor insurers, shows that 64 per cent would prefer government investment in better public transport rather than new roads. Mr Richard Hill, the company's managing director, said: "The message from motorists is loud and clear:



encouraging more cars on to the roads by extending the network."

More cars sold abroad as home sales falter Production of cars for export production of cars destined

Motoring Correspondent

Provisional figures from the Society of Motor Manufacturers & Traders yesterday showed that production of cars in British factories reflected the depressed home market, falling back 4.8 per cent over January last year, from 110,900 to 105,610.

rose by more than 25 per cent for sale overseas rising 25.6 last month as manufacturers per cent, from just over 23,000 directed efforts away from the to 29,008. Commercial vefaltering home market beset hicle production also fell, by high interest rates (Our from 28,202 to 21,859, a drop of 22.5 per cent. Output for export increased by 3 per cent, from 7,029 to 7,240. Mr Simon Foster, the direc-

tor of the SMM&T, said: "The significant rise in production for export is most gratifying and demonstrates the important role which the British motor industry will play during the next decade in That masked a surge of overcoming the nation's balexport orders though, with ance of payments problems."

East Germany hits back at pressure for monetary union

ment yesterday accused Bonn of trying to destabilize the country to force an early currency union, and called on its citizens not to heed ru-mours "spread from other capitals" that its currency was

At the same time Herr Helmut Kohl, the West German Chancellor, told a rowdy session of the Bundestag that unity as soon as possible' must be the goal of the new, democratically elected East German Government after the election set for March 18.

He taunted the opposition Social Democrats (SPD), as he reported on the state of the reunification talks, for being over-familiar with the disgraced regime of Herr Erich Honecker, and confidently spelt out the programme he has drawn up which could reunite Germany by the end of

East Berlin's allegations of destabilization were made by Herr Wolfgang Meyer, the government spokesman, after a meeting of the Cabinet on the unsuccessful appeal by Herr Hans Modrow, the Prime Minister, for financial aid. Herr Meyer said Bonn had shown "no willingness" to help East Germany "in spite of its stated awareness of the need for immediate stabilizing

The Government repeated that it did not consider speedy currency union as proposed by Bonn to be a fitting short-term solution to spiralling eco-nomic problems and insisted that this would result in further instability.

Most East Germans, however, feel that things could be scarcely more unstable. Lack of confidence in the mark has led to a wave of withdrawals from banks and people changing their savings into Western currency on the black market at rates of up to nine marks to one Deutschmark. Queues formed early vesterday with new intensity outside the state banks of East Berlin.

Herr Meyer called on East Germans not to heed the

tive national strategies.

accelerate reunification.

sequences of the present rush

towards German unity are almost uniformly bleak. Al-

ready chafing under what

amounts to economic satellite

status alongside the West Ger-

man colossus, France must

now contemplate the loss of

the international influence it

situation," a clear reference to Bonn economists.

The Government, unsure of how to deal with the crisis of confidence, has promised that talks will begin next week on a timetable for currency union and that savings will be pro-tected when this happens. It also announced yesterday that a reform of the moribund

banking system was under

In the Bundestag debate, Herr Kohl rubbed bome the message that his tough line with East German communists had succeeded where the "softly-softly" approach of

Soviet warning Ottawa - Mr Eduard Shevze, the Soviet Foreign

against what he called a "rapid chess" approach to German remification (John Best writes). In what appeared to be a reference to recent moves by Herr Helmut Kohl, the West German Chancellor, he told Canadian MPs and senators: "Some politicians would like to play a political game of rapid chess with a five-minute time limit. Is this a seasible thing to do when peace and the security of all eations . . . are at stake?"

the Social Democrats had

Herr Hans-Jochen Vogel, the SPD leader, confined his main attacks to the Chan-cellor's refusal before reunification to guarantee Poland's western border. He also was for unity and against neutrality - the main planks of Herr Kohl's platform.

The Chancellor paid tribute to President Gorbachov, whom he said had opened the door to German unity at their meeting in Moscow last weekend. Herr Kohl also thanked the Western allies for standing firmly behind West Germany during the Cold War. West Germany would not fail Nato now, he promised. A united Germany would not become neutral or demilitarized, al-

troops stationed on territories which were once behind the

> As what he called "a symbol of the growing trust between the two countries", the Chancellor announced that Mr Gorbachov last weekend had not only accepted the right of Germans to unite but had agreed that a West German had been invited to join a Soviet space flight next year.

Herr Kohl sought to quieten fears that monetary union between the two countries would create mass unemploy-ment, send inflation soaring, ash pensions and drain savigs in East Germany.

'No pensioner, no invalid, no unemployed person, no war victim, no social security case needs to fear a cut in benefits," he promised.

After his statement, the Chancellor set off to report on developments to President Mitterrand of France as part of his commitment to keep all of the four victorious Second World War allies informed of what was happening.

Herr Vogel called for the dismissal of Herr Horst Teltschick, the Chancellory who last week claimed that East Germany was on the verge of

Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the Foreign Minister and hero of the hour, was applauded as the author of the "two plus four" formula by which both the Germanies will negotiate unification terms with the four allied powers. He was congratulated for having succeeded in Downing Street the previous day in winning approval for German unity from Mrs

Herr Genscher, trying to move the debate forward to disarmament policy, told the Bundestag that now the Berlin Wall had fallen, the wall of rockets across Europe must also come down.

• Law eased: The East German assembly law forbidding the formation of associations not approved by the authoriwords of "panic mongers who though it would respect the ties is to be abolished, the dramatize and exaggerate the Soviet Union's legitimate sec-Government said yesterday. ties is to be abolished, the

Fears grow in France over rush towards unification

From Philip Jacobson, Paris

particularly illuminating to observe his tactics as West As the two Germanies move inexorably towards reunification, France is beginning a reluctant adjustment to the new realities that will in future govern the 30-year bond between Paris and Bonn. At a working dinner at the Elvsée Palace last night, President Mitterrand of France and Herr Helmut Kohl, the West German Chancelior, discus-

sed the broad impact of reunification on their respecuncontrolled changes. Behind the scenes the French are becoming more alarmed with every new move that Herr Kohl makes to Seen from Paris, the con-

wielded when Bonn followed its diplomatic lead. Nobody enjoyed the role of senior partner more than M changes that unification will Mitterrand; there were times at their meetings, indeed, when he seemed to grow taller than the towering Herr Kohl. French people, I send them ily be discarded as no lt has, therefore, been fraternal wishes for the fulfil- than political posturing.

Germany begins to flex its diplomatic muscles. After his ringing early declaration that "I have no fear of German reunification", M Mitterrand - and some of his senior ministers - has been engaged in a sort of diplomatic minuet: one step forward to welcome the new situation, half a step back to warn of the danger of

Again this week he warned in an interview that, although the Germans were masters of their own destiny, the speeding up of reunification must be accompanied by an acceleration of the progress towards European integration.

In M Mitterrand's carefully weighed phrase, a united Germany would still be obliged to respect "certain commitments which bind all of us together", meaning the security of Europe and the balance of power there and the future of

France is directly and intimately concerned with the bring, he pointed out, adding: "I want the Germans to know that, like the majority of the

ment of their destiny ... but whatever form it takes, France also has a direct interest in the

Yesterday, M Pierre Bérégovoy, the Finance Minister, was calling urgently for a summit of EC heads of state to examine the more immediate repercussions of the unification process. While European economies in general, and that of France in particular, stood to gain, he said, the Germans would be obliged to stand by existing obligations to both the Community and Eastern Ешгоре.

In similar vein, M Roland Dumas, the veteran Foreign Minister, has regretted the ssing of a 40-year era of "relative comfort" under the existing order.

The question now is, can Franco-German relations ever be the same again?

There is acute awareness in government circles here about the risk of being seen to stand aside from, let alone obstruct, progress towards German

In today's passionate circumstances, years of official support from the West for just such an objective cannot easily be discarded as no more

Dushanbe protesters call for leaders to quit



diers in Dushanbe, the capital, yes-terday. Tass said about 8,000 sustrators rallied outside the city's Communist Party Central Committee headquarters, calling for the ent's resignation (AP

Party First Secretary, the Prime Minister and the President - have

meeting yesterday, to decide whether

day, the first time they had mentioned

that on Wednesday pogrous, rapes and looting and mass disorder continned. Tass said some 5,000 men from the Army, Interior Ministry troops and volunteer self-defence forces were gearding official buildings and patrol-

Sparring in the Central Committee

Old Kremlin rivals get back in the ring

party to preserve what he sees

as its traditional - original -

values and strengths. He is

right to maintain that many of

these are undermined by

He stands for collective

discipline over individual

views, for acknowledging the

all-seeing wisdom of the party,

for the historical inevitability

of the communist idea and the

rightness of the first Bol-

Two old adversaries found themselves sparring again at last week's Central Committee meeting Mr Yegor Ligachov, for the old-style Bolsheviks, was - in the Soviet Union's misleading political geography in the right-hand corner, and Mr Boris Yeltsin, for the radicals, was in the far left.

Unlike the closing day of the special party conference 18 months ago, there was no spectacular confrontation between them, but the strength of their characters showed in their speeches, once again defining the opposite poles of the Soviet Communist Party.

The appeal of Mr Yeltain can be readily understood. He can understand, without communist jargon; his preoccupations coincide with those of many people across the Soviet Union. He calls for an end to the material benefits enjoyed by the party apparatus, an end to corruption, freedom for all varieties of economic activity and for a genuinely competitive multi-party system.

Even Mr Yeltsin's weaknesses - his readiness to pronounce on anything and everything without further thought, his utter frankness, "difficult character" and his intransigence - endear him to people for whom compromise in the cause of family and personal survival has become a way of life.

into a Moscow river near the in the sense that he wants the leaders' estate did him no political harm. Believers of these reports tended to think they made him that bit more human, others dismissed them as a deliberate attempt

Mr Ligachov is less easy to comprehend. His unpopularity, at least in Moscow, runs deep. In the Communist Party and Soviet power centres, however, it is another story. Even in the recently established Congress of People's

sheviks. Arguably, he repre-sents an image of Bolshevism as strongly as Yeltsin, having lost relatives in Stalin's camps 9

Deputies - the two-thirdselected body that nevertheless contains many party members bis speeches attract more applause than anyone else's. Like Mr Yeltsin, he is an accomplished orator, like him he speaks plainly.

But whereas Mr Yeltsin's freedom of speech comes of being an outsider, beholden to no one. Mr Ligachov's stems Even reports of his being from his total commitment to

the armed forces' mutiny and

Military, the veteran Defence

Minister, a former close asso-

A delegation of 35 middle-

ranking officers who entered

the building on Monday re-

for the implementation of a

list of 13 sweeping demands.

including the removal of Gen-

eral Military, aged 65, and of

General Mihai Ghitac, the

despised Interior Minister,

said to have been implicated

in the killing of unarmed

The defiant military officers

have rejected a compromise

offer by the provisional Gov-

ernment designed to end their

demonstrators in December.

fused to leave as they pressed

ciate of Nicolae Ceausescu.

It is wrong to describe Ligachov as Stalinist. He detests Stalinism

that never corresponded to his peers. reality. Were the first Bolsheviks really as committed to collective and party discipline as Mr Ligachov and others of like mind believe; were they incorruptible and as ascetic as mythology suggests?

The mythology, with its indestructible hope of a bright future and equality in prosperity for all, is what supports Mr Ligachov, and he is entirely found wet and worse for wear a universal set of ideas. Mr logical in arguing that, if party after falling or being pushed Ligachov is a "conservative" discipline were fully upheld members would say the rot set noble ends.

and if the party enforced its "leading role" in society, many manifestations of what seem to him "anarchy" - in the Baltic states, in the Transcaucasus, in city crime might not have become so

Little is known of his private life, but he appears to be a disciplinarian of the first order. There is no evidence that he would refuse to subordinate himself to a party decision he disagreed with hence his express support for Mr Gorbachov's leadership at last week's plenum), and it is improbable, despite the allegation against him last year, that

he ever accepted a bribe. Even his enemies do not suggest that it was to avoid being brought to justice that he insisted on being investigated - as is his right - by a commission of the Central Committee instead of by civilian prosecutors. As a member of the Central Committee and a disciplinarian, he would accept only the judgement of

It is wrong to describe Mr Ligachov and his ideas as Stalinist. He detests Stalinism told the party conference in 1988 that he had lost relatives many others.

in Stalin's camps, as did so others would dismiss all Stalin's works as an evil deformation of Marxism-

Ligachov would summarize Stalin's rule under the headings of good and bad points: the good points being discipline, strong leadership, victory over Germany, and rapid dustrialization. Many, including Mr Yel-

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in even under Lenin), Mr

tsin, would say that one-man rule, strong discipline and the supremacy of the collective are the vices that brought the country to its present pass. Mr Ligachov would disagree. For him, these features would, properly applied, have set the Soviet Union on the path to 'real" communism.

People of many persuasions gather under Mr Ligachov's 🙍 banner, among them Russian nationalists who see in his "internationalism" an antidote to the nationalisms they oppose, party and government apparatchiks who fear for their power and privileges under perestroika, and neo-Stalinists who want to enforce discipline if necessary by inhumane methods. There is no evidence that Mr Ligachov supports any of these groups.

It may be his misfortune that the undoubted political as strongly as Mr Yeltsin. He strength he possesses inside appeal to the Utopian elements of Marxism-Leninism the desire to end exploita-But while Mr Yeltsin and tion and work with, rather than against, the historical process - than on the way his idealism can be harnessed to

Leninism (and some party other sectional and far less

Ligachov vows to fight plan for private hired labour

Continued from page 1 which combined planning and market

forces. "The plan should determine strategy, and market relations should resolve questions related to supply and demand," he said.

Asked about the prospect of German unity, he said the German people had the right "to arrange their lives as they think fit", but added: "In my opinion, we are not talking about reunification so much as East Germany being swallowed up by West Germany.

He called on all democratic nations

to act collectively to ensure that German reunification took place in such a way that Germany would never

again pose a threat to its neighbours. "I know the deprivations endured by the British during the war. They are very well aware that it was from that land, that German land, that two world wars have come, and who better than we British and Soviet people to know the grief and suffering this

Mr Ligachov insisted that he fully supported the last week's Central Committee decision to end the Com-

munists' monopoly of power. "I have come to the conclusion ... that if the party wishes to keep its role as a ruling party . . . it must try to achieve this by political means," he said. "This is a matter of principle ... we are for a

Nevertheless, "in the present conditions", he thought the Communists "should be the only party", as it was the only political force which could MOSCOW: In the latest separatist

challenge to the Kremlin from the restive Baltic republics, the par-

liament of Soviet Latvia voted after heated debate yesterday to work for full Latvian independence (Reuter reports).

There were 177 votes for and only 48 against a declaration which said: "It is necessary to do all to restore the state independence of Latvia and transform it into a free, independent Latvian state."

The declaration denounced a 1940 parliamentary resolution that brought the republic into the Soviet Union, saying it could not serve as a basis for

Revolutionary rock nears finale

From Anne McElvoy, East Berlin

East Germany may be des-tined for currency union and unification faster than it can re-learn the words of its belatedly reinstated national anthem; but to wander through the House of Young Talent in East Berlin this week, you wouldn't know it.

The city's annual agitprop spree, the festival of Red Song. spree, the festival of Red Song, now in its 20th and probably last year of rocking for revolution, is continuing doggedly with a distinct feeling of apres nous le déluge hanging over the two-million-mark music

haunt of the young trendies of East Berlin who gather in their Hungarian jeans and leather jackets donated by Western cousins to hear a Cuban band performing a cheery number entitled Marxist-Leninism or

walls decorated with photo- Mitteleuropa attending. The that unity will come within the graphs of the November upris- embarrassing gap has been year, and comments that it is butchers.

land, comfortably situated in the heart of Europe, 18 million inhabitants going cheap." Another mocks the pro-unity chanting of the Leipzig demonstrations, calling for

Budapest (Reuter) - Hungarians in the eastern industrial town of Leninvaros pushed and spat at the country's former communist leader, Mr Karoly Grosz, when he tried to take part in a televised debate The House remains the on local economic problems.

"GDR One Fatherland". The organizers, the Freie Deutsche Jugend, have evidently had difficulty finding Eastern bloc participants still prepared to be described as socialists to take part, with not a single The beer is cheap and the non-German representative of

ing. At the entrance a hand-drawn poster protests for-and Irish rock groups who, as worried about the effects of lornly against the inevitable: one wag in the audience "For Sale, one large piece of remarked, can still talk about socialism with relish, not having lived through it. A West German performer

takes the stage in a large hall named after a 1950s communist the audience only dimly remembers, and remarks that he is pleased to get there before it is renamed the Helmut Kohl Hall. The laughter is tinged with bitterness.
"Helmut the Unifier" is the uncontested villain of the East German left and gradually perceived with some apprehension by wider sections of the population who have realized that their fate is being determined by the hotline between Bonn and Moscow, with East Berlin informed afterwards as a mere courtesy.

The taxi driver outside lis-

tens to a radio report saying

monetary union on his Savines.

East Germany is disappear-ing by the week, even before the first confederative treaty is on the table, because people believe it is and act accordingly. New correspondents now choose signs which read "Berlin Office" rather than mentioning East Germany, on the logic that they will only have to change them again by the end of the year. Meanwhile, the Freie Deutsche Jugend is in shreds, with

membership plummeting and factories ordered not to produce any more bright blueand-yellow shirts for its uniform. It is also casting around for buyers to relieve it of the House of Young Talent and the festival it can no longer afford. The only offer forthcoming so far is from a West German chain of

Crowds back Romanian mutiny

multi-party system."

Thousands of angry Romancstablishment. ian workers and students yesterday rallied to the support of Marches in solidarity with the officers swept up Magharu began converging on the Gov-ernment's headquarters in Boulevard in central Bucharest, in open defiance of a Victory Square, demanding the sacking of General Nicolae ban on spontaneous demonstrations ordered last month by the ruling National Salvation Front, an ad hoc body which is accused of keeping old Communists in power.

The marchers, chanting paratroopers. "Down with the Securitate" and "One revolution was not enough", claimed that officers from the Army. Navy and Air Force were being prevented forcibly from leaving their units to join the protest. Some officers took off their uniforms and protested in plain clothes after rumours

that they might be shot as deserters. By mid-afternoon, the crowds broke through a cor- stration is planned at the

spread through the crowds

munists from the defence protecting the Government's said that senior figures, such up to the main steps.

There was an ugly scene of a kind not seen since the early days of the revolution as hundreds of people tried to beat a man to death who was suspected of being "a terrordescribe Securitate members. He was eventually rescued by

Mr Petre Roman, the Prime Minister, offered a series of concessions which fell far short of the sacking of the generals. His offer was treated densorily by the officers inside the besieged building who have been backed by upwards of 1,000 demonstrating on open ground outside.

Urgent government moves were under way to try to find a solution before the weekend. when another mass demonmutinous protest in support of don of soldiers armed with former headquarters of the

offices, and forced their way as Mr Roman and the interim President, Mr Ion Iliescu, both former party members, feared their own jobs could be at stake if they bowed to popular pressure to remove

the Communist generals. Observers expressed fears of renewed fighting between the former Securitate members and the disaffected officers, including those up to the rank of colonel.

The Romanian media, still responsive to central control despite being freed of some of Ceausescu's restrictions, attempted to play down the crisis but thousands of leaflets calling on citizens to join the protest were being distributed throughout the capital and posted on walls - reflecting the degree of organization of

the anu-Front movement. Romanian officials said that other demonstrations were taking place in Timisoara, the purge of former Com- automatic rifles, who were secret police. Political sources crucible of the revolution.

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SOUTH AFRICA IN TRANSITION

put on show of strength over reforms

Pretoria (Reuter) — About that a shadowy South African 5,000 South African whites, army unit carried out two one brandishing a black doll's notorious political killings. head to symbolize Mr Nelson Mandela, demonstrated here yesterday to denounce President de Klerk for releasing the

"Hang Mandela, Free Strydom" said one placard, referring to the white mass killer Barend Strydom, sentenced to death for gunning down eight blacks in the street

The protesters marched to Pretoria City Hall to hear Dr Andries Treurnicht, leader of the far-right Conservative Party, denounce Mr de Klerk's Government for its sweeping reforms and the release of Mr

The demonstration was one of the biggest shows of strength by right-wing whites

Johannesburg (Reuter) — Mr Nelson Mandela said yes-terday he had never seen a facsimile machine. He was gently criticizing media stories which said he had a luxurious life — and a fax machine — in his last months in prison.

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Conservative Party won about 30 per cent of the vote.

artheid, claim surging support tion with the two murders, from a white backlash against South African prosecuto unbanning of Mr Mandela's

extremist Afrikaner Resistance Movement.

The Conservative Party, which organized the rally, has laid treason charges against Mr Mandela after he called for continuation of the armed struggle after his release on Sunday from 27 years in jail.

Separately, in a disclosure that could fuel controversy over alleged official death Brigadier Floris Mostert

said in a court affidavit on Wednesday that he suspected a previously unknown unit of the South African Defence Force, known as the Civil Cooperation Bureau, had carried out murders, arson attacks, bombings and assaults. These included the murder in May, 1989 of David Webster, a South African human-rights activist, and the September, 1989 murder of Anton Lubowski, a Namibian nationalist politician.

Brigadier Mostert's affidavit may sharpen controversy over recent allegations that officially sanctioned death squads killed anti-apartheid activists at home and abroad in recent years. A judicial commission of inquiry is due to start work this week.

Brigadier Mostert's affidavit was presented during a Johannesburg court hearing of an application for the immediate release of former Lieuten ant Abram van Zyl, aged 34, from police custody. Brigadier Mostert said Mr Van Zyl had since parliamentary elections been actively involved in last September, when the political violence and was a member of the bureau. He said Mr Van Zyl's group The Conservatives, who included Mr Calla Botha, also want a return to hardline ap- in police custody in connec-

South African prosecutors the De Klerk Government's are also investigating the reforms, which include the killings of 34 blacks by a white security guard in Cape prov-African National Congress.

Many protesters were doing his job. A spokesman khaki-clad members of the for Mr Kobie Coetsee, the Justice Minister, said yesterday he had asked the province's Attorney General to head an investigation of Mr Louis van Schoor and his oneman security service in the Indian Ocean port of East London.

Mr Van Schoor said in recent media reports that the killings took place lawfully in the course of his work protect-

WORLD ROUNDUP

Blow to Sweden's ruling Democrats

Stockholm - Sweden's Social Democratic Party, which has almost totally dominated the country's political life for the past half century was voted out of office last night (Christopher Mosey writes). However, Mr Ingvar Carlsson, the Prime Minister, seemed confident that his opponents have scored only a pyrrhic victory and that, in just a few days time, he will be back to form the next Government.

There is as yet no question of a new election, which could according to opinion polls result in a non-socialist victory. Even Swedes who would welcome Mr Carlsson's fall saw last night's vote as more of a sudden breeze stirring the well-nigh stagnant waters of the "duck pond", as sophisticates call their homeland, than any lasting wind of change. Mr Carlsson was defeated by 153 votes to 190 on his austerity package - the most drastic in the country's post-war history.

US to cut Asia troops

Seeul (AP) - Mr Richard Cheney, the US Defence Secretary, told South Korean officials yesterday that the US wants to reduce its forces in Asia by 10 to 12 per cent — at least 12,000 troops — over the next three years, US officials said. He said about 5.000 soldiers would be pulled out of South Korea, and another 7,000 to 9,400 withdrawn from the Philippines and Japan. There are 120,000 US troops based in the three nations. "We aren't going to move precipitously ... Our commitment remains strong," Mr Chency told a news conference. "The threat remains undiminished." Mr Lee Sang Hoon, the South Korean Defence Minister, said his country had "accepted in principle the gradual cutback in troop strength".

Mugabe calls election

Harare - Zimbabwe is to hold its second general election since independence a decade ago on March 28 and 29 in what is widely seen as a preliminary to the introduction by President Mugabe of one-party rule (Jan Raath writes). A proclamation published yesterday announced the dates for simultaneous presidential and parliamentary elections, the latter for 120 seats in a new 150-seat unicameral Parliament. The rest of the seats are to be filled by Mr Mugabe's appointees and those chosen by the Council of Chiefs, a progovernment body. On the tenth anniversary of independence, on April 18, legislation will come into force allowing Mr Mugabe to amend the Bill of Rights by a two-thirds vote of Parliament, and abolish freedom of political association.

Cambodian returns

Banteay Chlonar, Cambodia - After more than a decade in exile, Mr Son Sann, prime minister in the coalition which the United Nations recognizes as Cambodia's legitimate government, has made a symbolic homecoming (Neil Kelly writes). Some of his soldiers, eager to salute Mr Son Sann, roared by on the top of a Soviet T54 tank which they captured when they "liberated" the town, 15 miles from the Thai border. Many of the 3,700 townspeople turned out to see Mr Son Sann but his return on Wednesday was a low-key occasion. The residents moved here from other parts of Cambodia and from refugee camps inside Thailand. They said they had access to better supplies of food than in government-controlled areas, and felt safer.

Secret Reagan video

Washington (AP) - A federal judge said the media and public would be barred from attending former President Reagan's videotaped deposition in the Iran-Contra affair, but the video probably would be released next week. Judge Harold Greene, of the US district court, said Mr Reagan should give his testimony in a closed proceeding today so potential disclosures of classified information could be avoided. In the affair, arms were sold to Iran in the hope of influencing the release of US hostages in Lebanon, though the Reagan Administration refused to deal with "terrorists".

Angry whites Colour-blind classes point the way to the future



dreamed of by Mr Nelson Mandela has been slowly taking shape for a number of This is what it looks like a dards drop when you let tile black girl stumbles and blacks in," Mr Taylor said.

little black girl stumbles and falls, and begins to sob as she nurses a bruised knee. She is immediately cuddled by two playmates. One is white, the other is Coloured (mixed

A few yards away, their brothers are playing cricket with an oil drum as a wicket When a white boy makes a superb catch, the first to congratulate him is a black team-mate.

in the playing fields of St Joseph's College, a muhi-racial institution in the heart of Rondebosch, an area where the only blacks are workers and domestic servants. It may be only a small step towards racial harmony, but the commitment of its staff and the tolerance of its senior pupils offer a glimmer of hope. Mr Ron Taylor, the lay

headmaster since 1983, explains the rationale of the venture: "We are trying to break down barriers by creat-ing caring adults, and I think we are succeeding. The child-

From Gavin Bell, Cape Town In a white suburb of Cape their communities." With Her mother angrily pulled her Town the future now prom- more than 400 pupils, only ised by President de Klerk and about one-third of them white, his school has acquired a reputation for high academic achievement. "It is a myth, absolute nonsense, that stan-

"The academic cream here is Run by the Marist Brothers, a Catholic teaching order, the college is fee-paying, more or less: "If parents have difficulty paying the fees, we just ask them to pay what they can. Despite a government subsidy

we have serious financial problems, but we survive." Mr Taylor, himself an unusual mixture of Scottish and Lebanese, recalls trying to hedge around the words "black" and "white" when he first arrived in South Africa. A boy eventually stood up and said: "Please, sir, just use the words. That's what we are."

The younger children scampering through the cloisters may be "colour-blind", but their families and neighbours are not. When school is over for the day, the realities of apartheid are inescapable.

Mark Clarivette, the head given a sharp reminder of the bigotry of his elders when he kissed a white girl good-bye

away, directing insults at Clarivette.

"That's the biggest obstacle, the older people who grew up in a time when they were totally isolated from each other," he says. "They don't understand us mixing, and they try to prevent it."

White pupils appear to be enthusiastic about the college, and Cecil Mlatsheni, who is black, says: "My people have to try to forget the past. Sometimes I watch videos of violent incidents which cause me sudden pain, but I know it would be wrong to hit back. South Africa is definitely get-

His friend, Vuyisile Mzo Zoyana, who grew up in Soweto is more wary: "Yes, Soweto, is more wary: "Yes, it's changing, but I still have racism inside me."

Clearly Mr Taylor has a worthwhile but daunting job. His goal of advancing from multi-racialism to non-racialism, implying the total dismantling of racial attitudes, has yet to be achieved.

But Ashley Jacobs, a Coloured youth, is optimistic: "I think it's great being in a school like this, where people can get to know each other. We are the future. If you want the Government to change,

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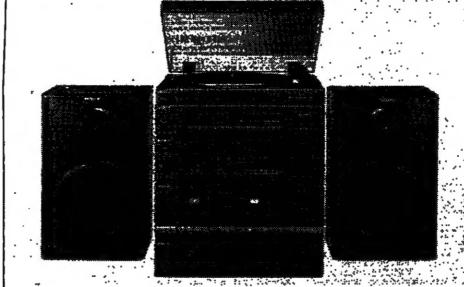
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territory's future constitution.

The deal, which will be put to the vote in Peking today among representatives from Hong Kong and China who are preparing the colony's post-1997 constitution, limits the number of directly elected seats in the first 60-seat legislature to 20, rising to 24 in 1999

claimed this is a concession to now say there is little likeli-Britain, it is only a minor hood of wresting further conimprovement on the earlier Chinese proposal for 18 directly elected seats in 1997. Hong Kong's existing Legislative Council has been pressing for a fully elected

The liberal leader, Mr Martin Lee, QC, who was expelled from the Basic Law Drafting Committee last year for his criticism of Peking's June 4 crackdown in Tiananmen Square, called Britain's acquiescence to Peking's plans, which effectively limit democratic development before and after the territory reverts to Chinese rule in 1997, a shameless act of surrender" which would only encourage China to break yet more promises in the future.

He said he believed the agreement was a clear breach of the 1984 Sino-British Joint legislature will ultimately be directly elected.

He said the British Govern- Hong Kong. ment had "taken the Joint

Hong Kong politicians have out its central promises, with denounced as a sell-out and a China leading Britain by the Britain and China was binding farce a secret deal between nose to what the Chinese only for the first direct elec-Britain and China on the euphemistically describe as

convergence."

A fellow liberal and prodemocracy activist, Mr Yeung
Sum, said the agreement took no account of the wishes of the people and Government of Hong Kong.
The drafting committee is

made up of Hong Kong and Chinese representatives, but China holds the majority. Although China has Hong Kong representatives cessions from Peking. Mr Rayson Huang, who led

a rebel grouping of 11 out of the 18-strong Hong Kong team in a drive for faster democratization, spoke of his dissatisfaction with the drafting committee's decision, but said, "I'm resigned to this rate of development." Hong Kong's views had "by no means" been taken into account

Another Basic Law drafter, Miss Maria Tam, who is seen as a moderate, agreed, saying the deal would satisfy no-one in Hong Kong. Mr Raymond Will a conservative member of the committee, said, however, that it was a step in the

right direction. For his part, Sir David Wilson, the Governor of Hong Kong, has said that Britain might increase the pace of Declaration on the future of democratic reform in the run-Hong Kong, which says the up to 1997 if the outcome of the Basic Law drafting process failed to satisfy people in

In a statement that ap-Declaration and agreed to rub peared to imply that the

only for the first direct elections, he said further improve-As a result of this week's negotiations, Sino-British re-

lations are expected to ease considerably, but Britain may face increasingly fierce protests in Hong Kong. Britain is expected to hail the negotiations as something of a vic-tory, praising the few amendments the Chinese have made as valuable concessions.

The Hong Kong repre-sentatives also succeeded in limiting the dual voting sys-tem to private members' Bills. The system is widely seen in Hong Kong as a mainland tactic to delay and obstruct legislation supported by directly-elected representatives.

Mr Allen Lee, the leader of the Legislative Council, meanwhile, strongly criticized an-other element of the secret deal, which raises the maximum number of foreign passport-holders from 15 per cent to 20 per cent of the post-1997

He said any such limit was wrong in principle and would be unworkable.

In London the Foreign Office yesterday declined to comment on the reports from Peking that Britain has agreed to Chinese plans for limited democratization in Hong Kong after 1997.

A spokesman said there would be no statement until the talks end, and this is not expected before midday London time tomorrow.



A crying boy among auxious relatives of passengers from the ill-fated Indian Airlines Airbus crash near Bangalore, in which 92 people died, waiting for news of survivors at Santa Cruz airport in Bombay. Doctors and relatives of the victims struggled to identify the bodies, many charred beyond recognition (Renter reports). At least 54 people, including three infants, survived when the two-n Airbus A 320 crashed moments before landing.

The bodies of victims have been kept in the open at Victoria Hospital, Bangalore, where more than 200 men, women and children waited to identify relatives. Mr Ashok Birla, a member of a wealthy Indian family, his wife and daughter were among those killed, airline officials said. Their bodies have yet to be identified. Indian Airlines sources said they were waiting for a team of experts from Airbus Industries in France before starting as inquiry. | Colombia, Peru and Bolivia, formance.

drug crusade to Andean leaders

From Geoffrey Matthews, Cartagena, Colombia

yesterday for a summit to plot strategy for what he has dubbed the Third World War against drugs

With him came Mr James Baker, Secretary of State, Mr William Bennett, his drugs tzar, and a force of aides and secret servicemen. He is to discuss ways to defeat the enemy of cocaine with the leaders of the three Andean nations unhappily caught up in its production: Presidents Barco of Colombia, Garcia of Peru and Paz Zamora of Bolivia.

Cartagena was the Spanish empire's beachhead on to the South American continent. Founded in 1533 and built the old world on galleons.

Mr Bush arrived in Barranquimma, Colombia's main commercial port 50 miles up the coast, and then flew to Cartagena in a US Air Force from an aircraft carrier in international waters.

summit would produce "a cartel composed of four countries ... not a cartel dedicated to the promotion of narcotics but an anti-drugs cartel which fights this enormous problem which affects all countries".

Yet among the South American participants there are considerable doubts that Mr Bush is ready to put his

President Bush arrived in the where coca is cultivated and Caribbean city of Cartegena yesterday for a summit to plot with \$1 billion to tiny postinvasion Panama.

mortgil;

Señor Enrique Santos Calderón, an influential col-umnist on Colombia's biggest selling daily, El Tiempo, commented yesterday: United States does not have the money to go the roots of a problem which gnaws at its internal organs, or if its economic priorities are elsewhere - in Eastern Europe, for example - there is no hope for solutions in the short or medium range."

In a speech welcoming the three visiting presidents to Cartagena, President Barco said: We hope that this summit will mark a milestone like a fortress, it received gold in the international struggle and other treasure which it against the production, the stored for shipment back to trafficking and the consumptrafficking and the consump-tion of illicit drugs."

• LONDON: Industrialized nations concerned about international drug trafficking should be prepared to spend more on financing alternative helicopter which had flown in crops in Peru, Bolivia and Colombia, according to a new assessment published by the Before leaving Washington, Panos Institute yesterday Mr Bush said he hoped the (Michael Knipe writes).

Drug users in the US spend approximately \$20 billion per year on cocaine - the equivalent of the collective gross national products of Colombia, Peru and Bolivia, says Panos, an international policies study institute.

Cocaine money played a vital role in helping to cushion the economic crisis facing money where his mouth is. Bolivia and Peru, due to debt For all his rhetoric, he has earmarked \$430 million (£252 in contributing to Colombia's million) in total annual aid to healthier economic per-

alter stance on Israel

From Richard Owen, Jerusalem

Signs of a shift in Syria's ods to achieve its goals. Yes- Syria and Egypt. Further inattitude to Israel emerged terday, Syrian officials dications of a new policy have yesterday as Israeli officials indicated that the aim of come from US and United said the two countries had been putting out peace "feelers" to each other.

But Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the Israeli Prime Minister, dismissed reports that the two had twice held informal meetof a fertile imagination'

Officials said there had been "indirect contacts". Under ressure from Moscow, President Assad of Syria has reportedly indicated that he will not obstruct a proposed Israeli-Palestinian dialogue on the Palestinian question.

On the other hand, he remains committed to recovering the Golan Heights.

There have been unconfirmed reports of behind-thescenes Israeli-Syrian contacts since the 1973 Middle East War, in which Syria failed to regain the Heights. Israel occupied them in the Six-Day War of 1967 and officially annexed the area in 1981. The new exploratory "feelers" stem from radical changes in the East-West relationship.

Moscow has told Damascus it must cease its quest for military victory and focus

Damascus remained Israeli withdrawal from all territories occupied in 1967, including the Golan Heights, as well as

the West Bank and Gaza Strip. Mr Sami al-Saleh, the secsides, hitherto bitter enemies, retary of the ruling Beath party in Kuneitra, has report- rather than aggression. ings in Vienna as "the figment edly said that Damascus would "never, never accept

> Beirst - Christian troops loyal to General Michel Aoun attacked a rival Christian militia base south of the Lebanese capital yesterday, killing 14 people and wounding 90 (A Correspondent writes). Tanks and armoure personnel carriers took part in the raid on the stronghold of the Lebanese Forces militia chief, Commander Samir Geages, who said his men repulsed the attack.

under any circumstances any bargaining over the Golan". Syrian officials said any peace talks between Damascus and Jerusalem must be accompanied by simultaneous negotiations by Israel on all

the other occupied territories. Signs of a change of tack by Damascus first came with the instead on diplomatic methrecent reconciliation between

Nations officials who visited the two countries.

Mr Cyrus Vance, the former US Secretary of State, told Israeli officials recently that President Assad appeared inclined toward negotiations

This week M Jean-Claude Aimée adviser on Middle Pérez de Cuéllar, the UN Secretary-General, told Israeli officials that President Assad still believed an Israeli-Palestinian dialogue would fail, but would do nothing to prevent it taking place.

Syria controls several extremist Palestinian factions opposed to the decision by the Palestine Liberation Organization to accept "two states in Palestine", one Jewish and one Arab.

President Assad is also reported to be ready to agree to an international Middle East peace conference held under the auspices of the two super powers rather than of the UN Security Council. Israeli finance officials are using these signs of a reduction in the Syrian threat to argue for cuts in Israel's huge defence

Moscow urges Assad to Moscow reflects on bitter-sweet Afghan legacy

From Mary Dejevsky

The bells of the 17th-century Church of the Resurrection rang out across central Moscow yesterday to commemorate the first anniversary of the Soviet withdrawal from Afghanistan.

Pravda published a panegyric, with romantic photograph, to General Boris Gromov, the Soviet command-er in Afghanistan and the last Soviet soldier to cross the border. Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, the Soviet Foreign Minister, set out new proposals for ending a war in which Moscow is now only peripherally engaged.

Each episode revealed a facet of the continuing price Moscow is paying for its intervention in Afghanistan, one year after President Gorbachov brought the troops home.

Mr Shevardnadze's proposals - for the eventual demilitarization of the country, to be preceded by all-party talks under United Nations auspices,

tion of the territorial status quo between the Kremlin-backed Government and the Mujahidin - showed that the Soviet Union still feels the need for peace on its southern frontier and continues to nurture a sense of responsibility for the fate of its protégé, President Najibullah. Char-ges that civil war would not have come about in Afghanistan had it not been for the Soviet intervention are heard as frequently now as they were when the Kremlin pull-out began.

General Gromov, photographed in the arms of his adoring wife on the back page of Pravda (a photograph quite unlike any usually published by the party paper), is one of the few beneficiaries of the war. Now head of the Kiev military region in Ukraine, he was elected last year as a deputy to the Congress of People's Deputies. He is a convincing orator, for whom many predict a dazzling political career. The Pravda tribute will have coats, talked softly about their disdone the budding politician no harm. The general, the paper's correspondent wrote, is studying for a

righer degree and newly married to Faina. His first wife, by whom he had two children, died in an air crash five years ago. Now, Pravda said, he has assumed more family responsibilities with his new wife's five-year-old twin girls. Having dispensed with the uncharacteristic human interest story, Pravda then recounted the work he is doing to help demobilized servicemen and their families - the lack of facilities and jobs for returning officers is a source of deep dissatisfaction within the military.

As the bells rang out across Gorky Street, a small group of veterans, some in tears, stood in the churchyard in driving snow.

Another even smaller group, of officers, with several stars on the epaulettes of their blue-grey great-

Moscow television team. "The Afghan victims are not acknowledged by any other part of

appointment and frustration to a

Soviet society. It has been left to the Church to remember us," a retired

All had taken part in a memorial service, the first of its kind, conducted by Bishop Pitirim for officers and men who had served in Afghanistan. Interspersed with the haunting music of the Russian Orthodox liturgy were prayers for the dead and the living, and imprecations to the soldiermartyrs of the Russian Church. At the end, the congregation quietly sang Eternal Memory for the fallen.

The church was crowded, with the majority of the congregation women. A retired officer said that the act of remembrance "helps you to stay human after all the inhumanity you have seen".

Briton dies as snow brings chaos to Alps

From Susan MacDonald, Paris

A Briton was identified as one 47, from Loadon, was killed equivalent of a month's worth Hinterglemm about 37 miles of the victims of the sudden on Wesdnesday when the of rain on some towns, and south of Salzburg. Police said deluge of snow that brought chaos to the Alps this week. and left at least 200,000 skiers stranded in the French Alps yesterday. About 10 French ski resorts were cut off after snowstorms and rain caused avalanches, and the French Meteorological Office issued "maximum alert" avalanche warnings.

Terence Murnaghan, aged day, had dumped a the the resort of Saalbach- devoid of snow.

chalet he was sheltering in was record snowfall blanketed swept away by an avalanche at parts of the Alps. Yesterday Le Joseret, near Val-d'Isère.

In eastern Switzerland, a mudslide buried rescuers searching for the victim of an earlier slide. One search-dog handler was killed and

100 rescue-firemen and 60 troops were sent to the Savoie region of the French Alps.

In Austria another Briton. Timothy Magee, aged 16, was killed on Monday when he fell another critically was injured. into a narrow ditch, police Meteorologists said the said yesterday. He had been

south of Salzburg. Police said he broke his neck and died instantly.

in France, more than 100 people were evacuated from villages in the Haute Savoie after warnings of avalanches and landslides. Several roads and rail links in the area have been blocked by snow.

Up to last weekend many storms, which began on Tues- on holiday with his family in ski resorts were practically

Singapore steps up cocaine war

Singapore (AP) — Singapore has extended the mandator death penalty to cover traf-fickers in cocaine, opium and marijuana. The new law covers manufacturing, importing or exporting just more than an ounce of cocaine, about 11b of marijuana, some 7 oz of hashish and just more than 21/21b of

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Yacht rescue

Madrid - A Spanish fishingvessel rescued two Britons, Mr Lawrence Ladelaw and his son, Stephen, after their 40ft yacht, the San Vica, exploded and caught fire about 13 miles south of Palma de Mallorca.

Law relaxed

Colombo (AFP) - The Sri Lankan Government has lifted several emergency regulations, including one which allowed security forces to dispose of bodies without holding inquests.

Pakistani held Nicosia (Reuter) - A court at a British base in Cyprus has ordered a Pakistani suspected of smuggling heroin into Britain to be detained pending

a request for extradition. Military code

Seoul (AFP) - A new code of conduct in Korea has banned the beating of recruits by sergeants during training and forbidden military personnel from meddling in politics.

Murder ruling Lausagne (Reuter) - A Swiss

court has ruled that Signor Antonio de Luca, a suspected member of Italy's Red Brigades, can be extradited to Italy on a murder charge.

Death toll up Maputo (Reuter) - The death toll in the Mozambique Nat-

ional Resistance attack on a train in the south of the country has risen to 55. Tokyo action

Tokyo (Reuter) - Japan is to

make it a crime to launder the

profits of illegal drug dealing.

Humbled Nakasone battles to stay on the political stage With the help of a local taxi- But if Mr Nakasone will not him in fourth place among the Сшия, Јарап Japanese politician - and still much later. The newspaperdreams of leading his country men are back because they driver, a tip from an Asahi speak, there are many who four MPs who head back to

"Telling you Mr Nakasone's schedule is like giving information to the enemy," says Mr Katsumi Kobayashi, the manager of Mr Yasuhiro Nakasone's campaign head-quarters. If this is an unhelpful start to the day, it at least gives an idea of the panic at Mr Nakasone's election offices. Once Japan's most famous

statesman, perhaps still the only Japanese Prime Minister many foreigners could name, Mr Nakasone may well lose his seat at Sunday's general

Mr Nakasone looks like a hunted man and the press has



in Gunma, a mountainous, rice-farming area north-west of Tokyo, hoping for a kill. But Mr Nakasone is just 71

again. He is fighting to rebuild his tattered image and has decided that a magging press is an unnecessary obstacle.

He reserves his coldest shoulder for Japan's Asahi newspaper, which recently acstock deal, which he denies. Now Asahi reporters are not office in the city of Takasaki. The press hung like vultures over him last summer when it was wrongly thought he might be questioned by police over the Recruit bribery scandal,

Nakasone's administration.

think Gunma's voters at Sunday's poll might give Mr Nakasone his come-uppance by robbing him of the seat he has held since 1947.

It is embarrassing enough that he has campaigned at all cused him of being linked to a in his own constituency, usushady, but very lucrative, ally thought demeaning for a former Prime Minister. That he has woord voters for allowed into Mr Nakasone's almost six months like a lovestruck suitor has made him the butt of ridicule. This year, no corner shop is

too small for a visit from Mr

Nakasone and locals say that

high-handed lectures on his

given way to a more humble

journalist and a turn of luck, we tracked down Mr Nakasone in a restaurant in Anaka, a town close to his Takasaki campaign offices. After three hours he em-

erged wearing a traditional election candidate's namesash bigger than Miss World's, but he was reluctant to linger Should the rest of the world be interested in this general election? "I think so."

"That's a question. I'm not

Why is that?

will speak loudly against him. "Mr Nakasone was called 'kyoaku' (giant evil) in connection with the Recruit scandal," says Mr Kenichi Shiraishi, a union-backed can-

"That such a great man will

honour us with his presence

will speak for him.

didate running against him. Nakasone's is a multi-seat

and would have done better to moves us to tears," says Mrs join three other former prime Ritsue Sato, chairman of a ministers, Mr Takeo Fukuda, 50,000-strong, all-women sup-Mr Kakuei Tanaka and Mr Zenko Suzuki, in retiring port group. There are also many who

gracefully at this election. But Mr Nakasone is too ambitious for that. He is running as an independent, after being nudged out of the ruling Liberal Democratic Party because of his links to Recruit. Sunday's vote could finally draw the

Tokyo. Some analysts say he

could miss the boat altogether

answering questions from the constituency, which returns curtain down on a political press during the campaign. four MPs. It would be career that Mr Nakasone, at You're trying to have a question-and-answer session. No in Mr Nakasone's popularity way to run.

Cosmic radiation study shows increased cancer risk for high-flyers minerals emit radiation, the av-

From Sosan Ellicott Washington

Air crews and passengers who fly on certain routes are exposed to more radiation than most workers at nuclear plants, a US government

study shows. Although scientists cannot assess precisely the long-term effects of low radiation doses, the report, issued this week by the Department of Transportation, states that people who fly a lot receive greater than expected doses of radiation from the Sun and stars. Some radiation experts are cited in the report as recommending that women in the early stages of

pregnancy avoid flying on the

Radiation absorbed while flying differs according to latitude and altitude, increasing the nearer an aircraft is to the Poles. Concern about cosmic radiation has grown with the trend for aircraft to fly for longer and at higher altitudes, where the protective atmosphere is

Increasingly, aircraft flying be-

tween Europe and the United

States pass over the North Pole,

where the effect of the Earth's

magnetic field raises radiation levels to four times those at the

Equator. The fastest aircraft, such

as Concorde and corporate jets, are

particularly vulnerable since they fly higher than others.

which struck at the heart of Mr international vision have

Experts advocate the installation of devices in cockpits that would advise pilots to drop altitude to avoid particularly high levels of high-energy radiation. Such equip-ment would also alert pilots on the rare occasions when the Sun's radiation, which varies considerably, reaches levels that the study says pregnant women flying only once should avoid.

Flying at 40,000 ft over the North Pole produces a radiation level of 1.4 millirems an hour, compared with 0.4 millirems an hour at the same altitude over the Equator. On the ground, where rocks and

erage level in New York is estimated at 0.0056 millirems an hour. One medical scientist said that radiation levels absorbed by air passengers were sometimes as high as those that require warnings to workers in nuclear plants or other industrial jobs involving contact with X-rays and other radiation sources. As airlines are not covered by the government safety regulations that regulate employees'

plant workers experience. The government study showed that airline staff run a similar health risk from radiation to that

exposure, these levels are higher than those which most nuclear

from cabins full of eigarette smoke. although working in the air heightens the risk of contracting cancer only moderately above the average. About 22,000 Americans in

100,000 are expected to die from cancer. The study, on westbound flights, estimates that for airline staff who have flown 960 hours a year for 20 years on internal flights of at least three hours, the cancer death rate will be raised by 59 to 61 per 100,000. Passengers on the same routes, flying only half as many hours, are predicted to suffer 30 extra fatal cancer cases per 100,000.

Dr Michael Ginevan, a scientist who compiled the statistics, said: as a greater problem.

"If I were a woman in the critical period of pregnancy for retardation (weeks eight to 15). I would tend to avoid flights to Europe." He said that, since he completed the statistical work, new studies had revised the expected cancer rate for survivors of low radiation doses in Hiroshima and Nagasaki to double or triple the earlier expected rate.

Airline unions have expressed concern about exposure to radiation. But some scientists say that the average doses are too low to cause acute illness, even for frequent travellers on the riskiest routes, and airline officials say that they are still treating heart disease

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Thatcher clashes | Palace of Westminster as it might have been with Kinnock on mortgage rates

Mr Neil Kinnock accepted the Prime Minister's
"confession" at question
time that it was her

record for mortgage rises was due entirely to her economic policies that the level of manufacturing had gone up for the time that it was her Government's economic policies that had led to the present record levels of mortgage interest rates.

Mrs Thatcher said that also due to the Government's economic policies, as Mr Kinnock might know if he looked at Social Trends today, was a 25 per cent increase in real household disposable income between 1981 and 1988. Mrs Thatcher said that the excellence of these policies had also led to millions more home

The Leader of the Opposition took advantage of an exchange on "capping" local government expenditure to ask Mrs Thatcher what thought she had given to imposing a cap on mortgage

Mrs Thatcher said that there were now some three million more people able to take out mortgages than there were in 1979, and many more than that owned their own homes than 10 years ago. That was a good

Mr Kinnock said that the Prime Minister should stop dodging the question and simply own up to the fact that the North, C) asked whether, in the very went in the young ning them to be of great benefit. They were council rents up.

Mr John Gorst (Hendon tenants had bought and we grateful for that opportunity.

There were now 15 million owner-occupied homes, compared to 11.6 million under Labour. That was due to the excellence of Conservative economic policies. nomic policies.

Mr Kinnock said that to use the Prime Minister's word, "also", he accepted her con-fession.

Mrs Thatcher said that the Chancellors of the Exchequer had handled the economy excellently. Well over 99 per cent of an increasing number of mortgage holders managed to pay their mortgage payments very well. They would find them to be of great benefit. They were a very good investment.

second successive year (Labour laughter) ... that unemployment was virtually at the lowest level in Western Europe? That would eventually contribute to bringing down the level of interest rates.

Mrs Thatcher said that 1988 and last year had been two years of excellent manufacturing investment. Today's figures showed a record number of jobs. The Government took all necessary measures to keep bearing down on inflation.

on inflation.

Mr Gavin Strang (Edinburgh East, Lab) asked her to consider the plight of hundreds of thousands of council tenants who had been encouraged to buy their houses. The Government should reconsider its policy of cutting support for council housing, thus bringing pressure on tenants to buy, by forcing council rents up. Mrs Thatcher said that many

tenants had bought and were

Major resists calls to aid home buyers

Benn was a minister.

Mr Bob Dunn (Dartford, C) said that over two million poeple had bought their own homes since 1979. There was a strong case for raising the level of mortgage tax rehef from £30,000 to £50,000 to take account of the huge increase in value of homes especially in the South-east and particularly in north-west Kent (Conservative north-west Kent (Conservative

and mortgage repayments on government mismanagement. After 11 years of Conservative Government, was this still true?
Was government mismanagement the reason for the misery?
Mr Major said that what the
Conservatives said in 1979 was correct. Under Labour there had been negative interests rates which had pushed up inflation

ing societies which had been lending people up to three and four times their incomes had contributed to the over-valuing some of the blame".

Mr Major sgreed that people should be prudent in the

Student loan plan 'is far too dear'

new buildings. The paintings, and drawings by Barry, have been in Russia since they were presented to Tsar Nicholas I on his visit to the new palace's construction site. The painting above — ink and watercolour on paper — shows the palace with a redesigned Westminster Bridge in the foreground.

port would continue.

Mr Straw said that the loans would penalize groups, such as medical students and those training to be teachers. It would harm access to higher education for students with low-income Mr Jack Straw, chief Opposition spokesman on education, said that the scheme was more expensive even than they had expected. It would waste at least £2 billion between now and the Labour would not waste

Dog tags 'a silly EDUCATION Mr Jack Ashley (Stoke-on-Trent South, Lab) said that

thing so silly as the suggestion of Mr David Heathcoat-Amory, Under Secretary of State for the Environment that the way to deal with Rottweilers was to put name taes on them.

No one suggested putting name tags on lions and tigers and allowing them to roam the streets. banned.

Sir Geoffrey Howe, Leader of the House, said that he would draw Mr Ashley's concern to the attention of the Home Secretary (Mr David Waddington).

Age of consent 'must stay'

To reduce the age of con-

Mr David Martin (Portsmouth South, C) had said that for various reasons, including the spreading and contracting of Aids, any proposals to reduce the age of consent for homo-sexuals was unacceptable and "utterly crackers".

Mrs Thatcher agreed. She said that such proposals would cause great probvery much against reduc-ing the age of consent.

EC routes for drugs

A large part of seizures of drugs at United Kingdom ports and airports had been sent from or routed en sent from or routed through other European Community countries, and last year they amounted to 40 per cent of the weight of drugs seized, Mr Richard Ryder, Economic Secretary to the Treasury, said in a written reply.

He said that the overall number of seizures last year showed an increase over the previous year of about 40 per cent: 40 per cent by weight for beroin: 50 per cent for cocaine and 130 per cent for cannabis resin.

BR borrowing powers up

An Opposition motion in the Commons on Wednesday night, condemning the Government's approach to Underground, was rejected by 259 votes to 212 - Government majority, 47.

During the debate, Mr Michael Portillo, Minister for Public Transport, an-nounced an increase of £220 million in British Rail borrowing powers, to enable it to press ahead with invest-ment, including that on the

Channel tunnel Reunification

long-standing agreements, to support German reunification, but the concern had been to have a proper frameof security and stability in Europe, Mrs Thatcher said at question time.

subsidy for merchant ships will be reduced from 26 per cent to 20 per cent as from January 1 this year, Mr Douglas Hoge, Minister for Industry, said in a written Commons reply.

Commons (9.30); Private member's Bill: Sexual Of-

TREASURY announce an early cut in interest rates, particularly to help home buyers. But Mr John Major said that, although it would be attractive to announce and early cut, it would not be sensible until he could be certain that it ment to early entry to the exchange-rate mechanism?

Or were they to put up interest was right in terms of beating

He acknowledged the diffi-culties facing home buyers and said that about 70,000 people with mortgages were more than six months in arrears, less than half of 1 per cent of the total of home owners. Most reposses-sions stemmed from the breakup of marriages.

Mr Anthony Beaumont-Durk (Birmingham, Selly Oak, C) said that many Conservative MPs would be pleased that the pound and interest rates were no longer tied to the Deutschmark because West Germany's headlong and precipitate flight to reunifi-cation was likely to lead to igher interest rates.

Could they have an assurance that British interest rates would not follow them because British industry could not sustain them nor compete with them. Mr Major: I will continue to judge interest-rate levels on what I believe is right for

Mr Alan Beith, Liberal Democrat spokesman on Treasury affairs, said that yesterday's announcement on mortgage rates by one building society many treases. spelt tragedy for many people as well as a great deal of pressure

on wage negotiations in the coming year.

Could the Chancellor in-

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dicate any hope of a reduction in interest rates to the rest of the building societies, so long as he refused to make a clear commit-

rates in anticipation that the rates were going to remain high? Mr Major said that it would be attractive to stand up and say that he foresaw an early or immediate reduction in levels of interest rates. "It would be unwise to make that commitment until it is right in terms of beating inflation and until I am certain that it is right, and that



Mr Majer: Agrees home buyers are in difficulty

under-Lyne, Lab) quoted the Government as saying often that if economic policy was net hurting, it was not working. The real hurt was being caused to manufacturing industry, investment and home owners. When was the Government

going to open its eyes to the possibility of an alternative method such as credit control which, although not perfect, could give some help?

Mr Major said that inflation was the most damaging thing for manufacturing industry and for the control of the control

the economy as a whole. Monetary policy was specifically there to bear down on inflation. "If we had not used monetary policy successfully in recent years, I very much doubt that we

would have seen the dramatic reductions in unemployment."

Sir Authory Grant (South West Cambridgeshire, C) said that, although the battle against inflation must have priority, the burden of it was being borne excessively by two expenses and excessively by two groups: small businesses and home owners. Will he, while acknowledg-Budget, take this into consideration. After all, the need for the battle was not their fault but

the Government Mr Major: I entirely sym-pathize with the difficulties that many bome owners in particular are facing. I have to take into

Derbyshire, Lab) said that there that problem had been there for were a great many constituents who were in crisis debt and facing great problems of homelessness. It was made worse by increases in mortgage rates and was disturbing because they were already facing higher rail and heating costs and the poll

crisis into catastrophe and were not the people who should be evicted those who lived in No 10 and No 11 Downing Street rather than our constituents?

Mr Major said that he shared concern for those who were facing difficulties. The levels of difficulties and arreasy how. difficulties and arrears, however, though a little higher, were still at a low level and the great

majority of repossessions re-sulted from marriage break-up rather than high interest rates. Mr Tim Smith (Beaconsfield, C) said that only 0.73 per cent of mortgage holders were in arrears—and that proportion was lower than in 1985—and, by definition, 99.27 per cent were not

rears cases were difficult and painful, but they were not running at the critical level that had been implied. Mr Tony Benn (Chesterfield, Lab) said that, quite apart from the traced many people who thought they

were home owners were dis-covering that they were home buyers and the Government was Mr Harry Barnes (North East of all building society loans and

Opposition debate: South Africa

a long time. It existed when Mr Benn was a minister.

north-west Kent (Conservative protests).

Mr Major said that he noted Mr Dunn's representations. Home ownership had risen from 55 per cent to 65 per cent in the past decade and there was still a big demand for home ownership which he expected to continue.

Mr John Smith, chief Opposition spokesman on Treasury affairs, said that the Conservative Party manifesto in 1979 vative Party manifesto in 1979 blamed the level of interest rates

and wrecked the economy.

Mrs Edwina Currie (South Derbyshire, C) said that buildborrowing they took on.

Government plans to introduce a student loans scheme were attacked by Labour and Libal Democrat MPs when the Com-mons considered the Education (Student Loans) Bill.

s2 billion between now and the year 2010 — money which was going to disappear into a vast black hole of adminstrative expenses, defaults and deferrals. He moved a new clause establishing an advisory committee to give overall advice on the nature, running and administration of the scheme.

He said that the need for

He said that the need for continuing advice to the Secretary of State about the scheme had never been clearer. It had been a very bad scheme when the House debated it on second reading in December, but it was emerging much worse from committee and with far fewer friends.

The estimated losses did not take into account the significant but as yet unquantified cost of interest-rate subsidy. "We should follow proper accounting conventions so that we know the loans would decrease the number of the second of the s

money on loan schemes and so it would have sufficient cash to pay for the extension it envis-aged in higher education. Mr Simon Hughes, Liberal Democrat spokesman on edu-cation, said that still no one had any idea of how the loan scheme was to be implemented.

The banks had refused to operate a loan scheme; another

scheme had been put to the universities for them to operate and, in their turn, the univer-sities were putting forward pro-posals of their own. "We are taking several steps in the dark."

full cost of the scheme." ber entering higher education.
The Government intended to There was a clear need for the replace the whole of the grants scheme to be monitored.

System with loans.

Scheme to be monitored.

Mr Patrick Cormack (South

Mr John MacGregor, Secretary of State for Education and
Science, said that that was a
ridiculous charge. Mr Straw
knew perfectly well that was not
sort of government assurance on the case. The student grants the lines of the new clause.

account the overriding objective not interested in home buyers. - the necessity to make sure that . Mr Major said that the number of properties taken into possession last year amounted to less than a fifth of 1 per cent of properties should "really take

Government 'must reserve the right to lift sanctions'

The following report of later speeches in a Commons debate on an Oppo-sition motion on the Government's South Africa policy appeared in later

If the United Kingdom failed to reach agreement with its EC partners on sanctions against South Africa, "the Government must reserve its rights to act on its own". Mr William Waldegrave, Minister of State, Foreign Office, said. "That is the legal

Winding up the debate, he said that EC sanctions had been designed to bring about multiracial dialogue in South Africa and to say that lifting them must wait for the repeal of the Group Areas Act and other pillars of apartheid was a misunderstanding.

apartheid was a misunderstanding.

A South African Government spokesman had said that negotiations would be about removal of what remained of apartheid and about universal suffrage in a united South Africa. "If that is not putting the pillars of apartheid on the table, I don't know what is."

Earlier, Sir David Steel, Liberal

Secretary to plan a reasonable pro-gramme for lifting stactions and pressures was a sensible response to change, but he did object to its being dene prematurely and not in concert with Britain's European and other

President de Klerk had brought about an enormous improvement, but there was still anxiety that, just as when Dr Botha had promised change, nothing would be done in the end.

nothing would be done in the end.

Every section of white opinion, even those who did not agree with the imposition of sanctions, acknowledged that international pressures had played their part in bringing about the change.

He could not find anyone is the black community who believed that the Prime Minister had not hindered that change. That was unfair. Her private pressures had been helpful.

Nelson Mandela was the one

private pressures had been herprul.

Nelson Mandela was the one
person who could remite the black
movement, as it must be remited.
There would be immease pressure
from young people in South Africa to
move quickly.

Mr Bernie Grant (Tottenham,
Lab), just back from South Africa,

said that unless something of sub-stance was done quickly there would be an almighty bloodbath there. He had seen a perfectly peaceful rally being fired on by the security forces. The continuation of the state of emergency allowed such atrocities because it empowered the police and security forces to act without

That was why the ANC called for the cancellation of the state of emergency and why it was a pre-requisite for talks.

Mrs Thatcher sought to make petty distinctions between different kinds of sanctions. "But to the man on the omaibus in Soweto, or on the train going into Johannesburg, these distinctions do not really mean much." For the British Prime Minister to talk about removing sanctions was to "It seems that the Prime Minister

wishes to see the mass democratic movement going naked into the negotiating chamber." Mr George Gardiner (Reigate, C) said that blacks in South Africa did not want to have a vote on empty bellies. If sanctions had had any

Mr Ivor Stanbrook (Orpington, C) said that he was mystified by the Government's policy and could not support it. Judging by the wording of its amendment to the motion one would think there was little to be contented as about in South Africa. where some 80 per cent of the population was deprived of civil

Apartheid was an evil and wicked doctrine used by anyority people to justify retention of power by a minority who used whips and dogs against those who protested. It deprived the majority of the vote in the name of racial superiority. It

was contemptible. He would have

effect, it had been to impoverish the black population.

Mr Robert Hughes (Aberdeen North, Lab), chairman of the Anti-Apartheid Movement, said that the Prime Minister's egocentric way had cast her in the role of the Wicked Fairy in Snow White, looking in the mirror to see who was the cleverest of them all. She had colluded with nonression.

The Government had no interest in propping up a doomed regime. It should put its money on Mr Mandela and give him the help he required to bring peace, reconciliation and democracy to this great African

Mr Bowen Wells (Hertford and Stortford, C) said that this was not the time to talk of loosening sanctions. They should be encouraging everybody in South Africa who wanted evolution to democracy.

Dr David Owen, leader of the SDP, a former Foreign Secretary, said that the Council of Ministers in Dublin

would not dream of lifting sanctions while there was any continuation of

by honour, which was far more important. Prosperity would not be restored by unilateral action by Britain on this question.

President de Klerk must be encouraged to act in a manner which ensured there could be no going back. It was going to be very difficult to have international agreement on a serious reduction of sanctions until negotiations had started.

negotiations had started.

Mr Donald Anderson, an Opposition spokesman on foreign affairs, said that the Prime Minister was gratuitously using up international good will towards this country. "It cannot be good for Britain that we are now seen by those who have struggled for years for freedom in South Africa as the major protectors of that system which has done so much damage to them." In that context the Prime Minister's invitation to Mr Mandela to visit this country was naive and impertinent.

The Opposition motion was rejected by 278 votes to 214 — Government majority, 64 — and the amendment was agreed without

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More power for MPs on EC

By Sheila Gunn, Political Reporter

Sir Geoffrey Howe, deputy Prime Minister and Leader of the Commons, is ready to approve key recommendations of the Commons procedure committee's report for giving backbench MPs more influence over the future direction of the over the future direction of the European Community.

subcommittee, he is preparing to pledge a full day's debate in the Commons before the twiceyearly EC summit meetings. They would replace the present system of debates on White Papers on developments in the Community. Ministers will be expected to provide an outline of the sum-

mit agenda before the debate to give MPs the opportunity to declare their views on the key It will put pressure on Mrs Margaret Thatcher and her Cabinet to reflect the majority view of MPs on such issues as

the speed towards European

over the future direction of the European Community.

After agreement in a Cabinet uncommittee, he is preparing uncommittee, he is preparing proposals a higher profile at Wasterington. Sir Geoffrey is known to be

sympathetic to the MPs' complaints and is ready to arrange for more general debates on EC In particular, he is determined that the Commons examination of EC proposals should be more forward-look-

ing, to replace the present system, which, MPs complain, Sir Geoffrey: Ready to aptends to be reactive, carrying little influence on the final laws. No decision has been reached yet by the Cabinet sub-committee, chaired by Sir Geoffrey, on the committee's call for they will hat five standing committees. The But it has conceded the need backbenchers the report's recommendation proposed committees would for a more thorough scrutiny of committees.



prove recommendations. examine EC proposals on agri-

culture; trade and industry; Treasury; transport and environment; and general issues.

EC draft laws by having evidence-taking sessions, building on the standing committee

Like the committee, Sir Geoffrey is opposed to setting up a select committee on European affairs similar to the House of Lords committee, which is suggested by the former Leader of the House, Mr John Biffen.

Sir Geoffrey is understood to have been persuaded by argu-ments against the idea put by Mr Terence Higgins, chairman of the Commons liaison committee. However, he wants to encourage the present network of Commons select committees to take a greater interest in Community-wide policies.

The Government's formal re-

sponse to the report has been

layed because the changes are fundamental to the working of Parliament and involve most departments. But it is expected to be published before Easter. Discussions with the whips will also be necessary because they will have to find enough backbenchers to sit on the new

Parliament next week

The main business in the Commons next week will be: Monday: Debate on SNP mo-tion on the ambulance dispute. Private Bills.

Thesday: Debates on Oppo-sition motion on the effects of electricity privatization and on the Royal Shakespeare Company. Motion on the Clergy (Ordination) Measure. Wednesday: Debate on Commons procedure. Government Trading Bill, remaining stages.

Thursday: Debate on East-West

Friday: Private members' Bills: Rights of Way (Agricultural Land) Bill and Access to Health Records Bill, second readings. The main business in the Lords is expected to be: Monday: Food Safety Bill, third reading. Debate on EC social charter. Tuesday: Courts and Legal Ser-

vices Bill, report, first day. Wednesday: Debate on manu

facturing industry. Abortion

(Amendment) Bill, committee.

Thursday: Courts and Legal Services Bill, report, second day.

Move on tobacco sales to young

The Government is considering proposals to strengthen and clarify the responsibilities of retailers in the sale of tobacco to youngsters under 16, Mr Peter Lloyd, Under Secretary of State, Home Office, said in a late night debate in the Commons.

The legislation was not yet ready, he said, but the Government would introduce its proposals as soon as a suitable legislative vehicle was available. He added that was unlikely to be in the present parliamentary session.

He was replying to a debate initiated by Mr John Home Robertson (East Lothian, Lab), who said that the 1986 Act prohibitinbg the sale of cigarettes to youngsters was being cynically circumvented by the industry and flouted by retailers.

"This 'teeny' trade is worth £70 million a year to the tobacco

Nobody is being deterred. The trade is treating Parliament with contempt and is threatening the health of the next generation. Mr Lloyd said that selling cigarettes to youngsters was deeply irresponsible. It was for

the police and local authority

trading standards officers to enforce the law. Both had

powers, duties and responsibil-ties, but he accepted that they were unevenly applied. The good news was that fewer children were smoking. Latest statistics showed that in 1984, 13 per cent of under-16s admitted smoking; by 1986 it had fallen to 10 per cent, and in 1988

the figure was 8 per cent. The Department of Health was launching a £2 million campaign to reduce the number of teenage smokers, with the aim of cutting the figure by a third by 1994. In addition, the tobacco trade was spending £1 trade. The Government has failed to lift a finger to enforce the 1986 Act which was passed million to inform retailers about

for Germany Britain was pledged, by

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Has the Perrier bubble burst?

errier was first mar-keted at the turn of the century as "the Champagne of Table Waters", and its success ever since has been associated with an image of associated with an image of sparkling purity. But yesterday, as tens of millions of bottles were being pulled off shop shelves throughout the world because of a scare over benzine contamination, doubts were cast on whether it would ever again be possible to present it as the last name in

Source Perrier, the parent company, has made itself the most successful of mineral water firms by marketing what is essentially an idea. The fizzy water it draws from a spring at Vergeze, near Nimes, costs only pence to bottle — but commands £2.35 at the Ritz.

During the past 10 years Perner has led a boom in the sales of mineral water, exploiting a public mood for healthy living and becoming a status symbol along with the Porsche and the Filofax. Keen to associate itself with healthy living, Source Perrier, has sponsored sporting events throughout the world, including the New York marathon. And backed by shrewd promotion, Perrier water has come to symbolize a lifestyle. As the inventors of the advertising campaign said: "The key task was to make the cynical British public pay for bottled water.

The advertisers succeeded. For consumers, the mention of Perrier evokes an image of water gushing from moun-tains. The truth is less picturesque - the area of western Provence where the spring is situated is mostly flat.



Yesterday, at the Hôtel Bar des Sports, near the source, mineral water of any brand was not much in demand. But lunchtime drinkers passed their own boozy vote of confidence in a drink which has out their town on the man (though it remains difficult to convince them that there are people who will happily pay the price of a perfectly decent bottle of Beaujolais for a glass of the pride of Vergèze). Indeed, the citizens ap-

peared resolutely unconcerned by the great brouhaha over the enforced withdrawal of 160 million bottles from world markets.

If ever there was a company town, it is here: Source Perrier provides work for about 3,300 people, and on the evidence of yesterday's mini-invasion by journalists, they are both proud and happy to be be working for the company. According to Jean-Pierre the attentions of the large and

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Roux, the plant's genial direc-tor of human resources, they are positively bursting to get production back up to normal. So what about the Communist Party pickets outside the plant, distributing leaflets accusing Source Perrier of swimming among the "great white sharks" of capitalism? Well, it is certainly a paternalistic company, run for the past 40 years and more by

the patrician Gustave Leven, aged 75, whose family owns a substantial block of shares in On Wednesday, it was Leven's misfortune to collide with the Parisian Press out for blood at what some believe to have been the first formal news conference the famously

organized. A pleasant-looking, apple cheeked man, he seemed disconcerted by the ferocity of

secretive company has ever

It is the most famous of the designer waters, the symbol of chic - and, as of this week, the latest product to be taken from the world's supermarket shelves

because of health fears. Now Perrier faces its toughest trial of public confidence. Jamie Dettmer and Philip Jacobson report

unruly corps assembled at companies which have suf-Perrier headquarters on the fered health scares in the past Rue de Courcelles.

Insiders say it was, however, entirely in character for Leven to refuse to comment on the inquiry on the Paris Bourse (stock exchange) into suspiciously heavy trading of Perrier shares immediately before the furore became pub-lic knowledge. "We are alking lic knowledge. "We are talking about a company which has never before considered it necessary to keep shareholders, let alone journalists, properly informed of its actions," said one Bourse informant.

Back in Vergèze, locals were expressing total confidence in Perrier's ability to bounce back. But advertising agencies were divided as to reclaim its leading position in the mineral water market one of the most competitive in food and drink retailing.

have found that a comeback is not easy. One company selling tinned salmon took 11 years to regain its market position after a contamination problem which led to the withdrawal of all of its supplies from shops for two

can cause setbacks, too. In one contamination scare, the Safeway supermarkets chain failed to check its adverts and was embarrassed by its slogan of "Everything you want from a store and a little bit more".

nexpected snags

Senior managers at Source whether it would be able to Perrier were already planning a new marketing strategy as Leven announced in Paris the decision to withdraw the entire world stock. They had Several food and drink been preparing for the worst

the moment the first hint of a contamination problem ap-peared last weekend, when traces of benzene were discovered in supplies in the Ameri-can state of North Carolina. Within hours, Source Perrier had instructed subsidiaries in Europe to monitor customer reaction to the scare on a daily basis through market research

Like any other successful enterprise in a competitive market, Perrier has always been quick to recognize changing consumer tastes and aspirations. From the moment of the commercial launch in 1903, it has believed that selling its product is a matter of marketing an image, a concept. One current a concept. One current advertisement talks about Perrier personifying "French-ness, style and fun".

The original launch, masterminded by St John Harmsworth, an Englishman who had bought the spring at Vergèze from Dr Louis Perrier, was carefully designed to appeal to the upper and military classes, in France and throughout the British Empire. Clubs and officers' messes were the target - hence the "the Champagne of Table

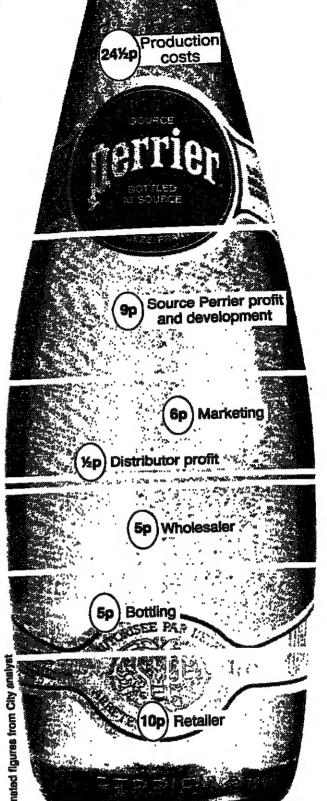
Great thought was also given to the design of the bottle. St John Harmsworth, the brother of Daily Mail founder Lord Northcliffe, wanted a distinctive shape that would stand out anywhere. He eventually modclied a bottle on the Indian clubs he used for exercising but gave it a more graceful neck. Since then, astute marketing and aggressive advertising has been the hallmark of the Perrier operation.

n Britain, through its advertising agency Leo Burnett, it has been responsible for one of the most successful television advertising campaigns. Based on the "Eau" theme, it has led the way in food and drink marketing. "H2Eau" and "Picasseau" adverts have encouraged consumers to buy, while at the same time displaying a pleasing wit.

Advertising experts, both in the United Kingdom and in the United States, believe that Perrier will be able to continue with the theme, "Once the new supplies have come in, I expect them to advertise heavily," said Simon Taylor, strategy director of Ogilvy & Mather public relations. "I don't see why they should not they will have to review them carefully to make sure there is nothing in them which could remind consumers of the ben-

Taylor, who specializes in advising firms on crisis management, believes that Perrier can weather the problem as long as it is quick to keep the public informed about the contamination. "The key thing is to be truthful from the start. They must not go into the bunker. At the moment they seem to be doing everything right."

In America, The New York Times devoted an editorial to a comparison between Exxon and Perrier last week, and praised Perrier's approach. "A company that respects the public's growing concerns for human health and the envirnment serves society and itself," the newspaper said. "A company that appears to treat to four weeks before Perrier is



60p

Putting a fizz in the balance sheet: how Perrier makes its profit from a bottle of water sold for 60p at a typical supermarket

them casually risks a heavy loss in public trust. Perrier seems to have grasped this point; Exxon has not."

While Perrier continues with its crisis management, other mineral water firms are keeping a low profile, worried that consumer fears about Perrier could damage their own sales. Neither Cadbury Schweppes, which markets Malvern water, nor Nestle (Ashbourne water), is planning to increase advertising. Belgium Spa and the British Highland Spring, too, are reluctant to capitalize on Perrier's catastrophe.

back on the shelves and maybe longer before a new advertising campaign has been devised, the company has no plans to concentrate harder on marketing its lesser known waters, Buxton, Volvic, Vichy, Contrexéville, and San Pellegrino.

But the marketing and financial implications, big news on the Bourse and in Madison Avenue, passed more or less without comment in the Café des Sports. Its ramifications seem very far away down the depths of Provence, where Perrier drinkers of whatever nationality would stick out like a sore

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TOWN IN A BOTTLE

ast month, I went on a Perrier pilgrimage to Vergèze, just south of another. Nimes in Provence. I arrived on a Saturday; the gates of the bottling factory were closed until Monday. Retreating to Nimes and the Tarterie O Delices in the Place aux Herbes in Nimes, I ordered a Perner to wash down my tarte aux poires crème d'anande and was regarded with disdain. "One does not drink Perrier

à midi. It is trop gazeux. One drinks Badoit," said the owner. At dinner, in La Belle Respire, tucked away off the shady Rue de l'Etolle, I ordered Perrier. The patron frowned and brought me Badoit. It was as if, even in January, the French already

knew something was up. Behind the green gates of the Source Perrier, emblazoned with the mystic letters SP, the bottling fac-tory is a model of hushed automation. At one end of the immense green palace, sand is pumped in and molten sheaves of glass squirt out of an oven at the rate of 120,000 an hour; at the other, they emerge rinsed, filled, tapped, la-belled, boxed, mackin-toshed in polythene, crated and finally entrained — all virtually untouched by hu-

Courteous robots on wheels with photo-electric beacons for noses waitz armies of bottles across the

Perrier quarries its own sand, manufactures its own caps, labels, and cardboard for packaging, and began making its own bottles in 1973. Vergeze now produces 20 per cent of the nation's glass and boasts the only factory in the world to combine classworks and to combine glassworks and bottling plant under one roof: from start to finish, the transformation of sand into Perrier takes just five hours. is this high level of fficiency that enabled the company to increase its production from 20 million bottles in 1948 to 1.2 billion

The revolving vat where Perrier is injected into the bottles is fed by two pipes. "Both pipes reach deep down into the earth," the factory guide said. "From



floor. They are programmed Water joke: the Perrier touch

one we take the gas and throw the water away. From the other, we take the water and throw the gas away. Then here we reintegrate

the two to produce Perrier." There is a rational explanation for such extravagant ingenuity: the water in its original effervescent state has too many bubbles - 3.5 litres of gas to one litre of water. To prevent the bottle exploding, the bubbles are redistributed: nature must be supplemented by art.

The factory tourist is not allowed to to see the source itself. Jean-Pierre Leenhardt, Perrier's export manager, led me into the garden of a nearby château containing a circular pavillon. It was here, he assured me, that Perner sprang from the earth and was piped directly into the factory. I pressed my nose up against it and peered within. The frosted glass walls were as smooth and opaque as the alien monolith in 2001. I couldn't see a thing. I couldn't even hear a gurgle.

Jacques Derrida, the French philosopher, once observed: "You want to get back from the supplement to the source, but you are forced to recognize that there is nothing but supple-ment at the source." I can't help wondering if he once visited the Source Perrier.

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FRIDAY PAGE

s far as one can tell from television accounts, Nelson Mandela listens carefully and watches intensely. He seems to be trying to find his bearings. It is the closest we've seen, I should think, to a Rip Van Winkle. When Mandela was put to

sleep, Khrushchev was still in power, the Tonkin Gulf resolution had not taken place, nor the Prague Spring, nor the momentous Civil Rights legislation of 1964 in the United States. He would have seen nothing of Peste. would have seen nothing of Brezhnev, the demoniac hysteria of

Cultural Revolution, or Pol Pot. To emerge from the dark after such a helishly long time requires a little period of adjustment, even for a very quick and clever man such as he. Just to take one obvious example, the upheavals in Eastern Europe need to be seen in the context of a 35-year struggle against Communism since the twentieth Party Congress. Still, this extraordinary man seems to be learning at a galloping rate. But are we in the West learning?

After listening to the acrimonious exchanges in the House of Commons this week, one simply despairs. This is a week in which we have seen the white South African government do what we thought was beyond hope: namely, acknowledge that within a few years, South Africa would no

'Every now and then, human beings reach for the sun in a profound way'

longer be ruled by a white major-ity; accept that there would be no more elections for whites only; legalize dozens of political parties and groups sworn to destroy the very government legalizing them; and finally, set Mandela free. The point is not that this is all decades overdue, which it is; the point is that a new president, only a year in power, has let the genic of black majority rule out of the bottle, and South Africa can never be the

Why on earth has de Klerk done this? Why is he trying to dismantle apartheid? Why is he legalizing parties committed to destroying every institution that props up his regume? When asked these questions (as he was this week on American television), his answers are oblique. But I think one has to assume that he is a man of some decency and, as Nelson Mandela put it, integrity. He also understands that this period in history is a rotten one for tyranny. Just as the spirit of self-determ-

ination swept Europe in 1848, so a great yearning for liberty swept the world in 1989. These waves in history can be reduced to all sorts of explanations, but in the end they are irresistible. Just as monarchs tried to stand in their way in 1848, so the odd tyranny – in China or Albania – will survive, temporarily, in 1990. But history always throws up the men who try to harness change in a relatively peaceful manner, and so far we have seen two such men — Mikhail Gorbachov and F.W. de

be mixed. They are not all of a piece. They may want to retain as much power and privilege for their own group or party as they can. They most certainly want to avoid massive bloodshed, and make the transition as painless for everyone as possible. They exist, however, only because the times allow them to do so. The policies of President de Kierk would have turned to



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he tried them before 1989. Until very recently, it would have been utterly suicidal for the whites in South Africa to have let go and negotiated with the African Nat-

The reasons for this are straight-

forward: till now, the very legiti- South Africa into a worse society mate demands of the ANC to end apartheid had come packaged in Communist brutality and radicalism. Now that the world has been able to see the sheer horror of this applied Marxism, there is some hope for creating a free and prosperous South Africa.

Today, the ANC may greet each other with raised fists and a alutation of "power", but Marxment, passed. As it is, there are two strands in the ANC, if you strip away all of the banners and rhetoric. There is that strand that coincides with the ideas of every decent person in the world, namely, the notion of racial equality and full civil rights. Then there is the second strand, which is preaching black dominance, black racism and Marxist-Leninism.

The first is a perfectly benign strand, and it was criminal and foolish to resist it. The second is a deadly strand, the dominance of which is guaranteed to make

than it has ever been. One can only hope that its poisoned fangs have been taken out by recent events in the rest of the world. The key now is with which strand Nelson Mandela allies himself. Will he be a force for good or bad? There is every reason to believe, on the basis of his very quick recognition of the circumstances, that he is likely to ally himself with the good strand rather than the

bad. In which case, there is some

hope for South Africa. Otherwise,

no matter which side wins, all is

The responsibility of the rest of the world, of course, is to encour-age the best impulses in both Mandela and de Klerk. One is almost embarrassed to outline these matters, which seem so selfevident. But after listening to the mud-slinging between Labour and Conservatives in the Commons

this week, perhaps it is necessary. The names de Klerk, Gorbachov and Mandels are not

absolute synonyms for good or bad. They are simply names. At best, they are descriptive terms for policies. What makes sense is a show of support for each name to couraged to rid itself of extreme Marxist demands that Britain's Labour Party has long put to rest. De Klerk must be encouraged, by a graduated removal of sanctions. to continue the steps forward. Sanctions can always be reapplied for bad behaviour.

Party politics are a fact of life and I suppose we shall see the leader of the Opposition and the Prime Minister baiting each other, no matter what the issue. But every now and then, perhaps a hundred or more years apart, human beings reach for the sun in the most profound way. A true democracy is a profoundly good institution, one that is in all our interests, not least of all because I cannot think of a single occasion in which two liberal or social democracies have gone to war against each other. Nothing reduces conflict in the world more than a system in which the people ron their own affhirs. It would be an eclipse of the human condition to see South Africa exchange white Fascism for black Fascism. Couldn't Westminster and Her Majesty's Loyal Opposition, just for once, put everything else aside?

With this cop-out I thee wed

he real-life soap op-era scheduled to hit New York's televised divorce courts Donald and Ivana Trump, has one theme, besides that of the eternal triangle, which is becoming increasingly rele-

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want to Britain. The premarital contract, which he believes to be his trump card, is still relatively unknown here, and virtually unenforceable. But the Law. Society's matrimonial law committee has just been examining the case for premarital contracts, and is recommending a proposal make them a more attractive proposition for anyone entering a marriage of true minds,

In addition, the International Academy of Matri- law committee. "But, as the monial Lawyers is debating social climate changes, and whether to urge the har-monization of international salaries, the courts are looking monization of international salaries, the courts are looking laws on premarital contracts, more kindly at reasonable Many members of this organization of élite matriionial lawyers from Britain, the Continent and North America, believe the har- strictly enforceable. In France monization is necessary, be- every marriage has, in effect, a cause of the increasing incidence of "mixed" marriages people have to elect whether between people of different to be married under joint or countries, and the increasingly cosmopolitan nature of

Donald Trump is the billionaire property developer whose wife, and supposed professional partner ("supposed", because she supposed she was, although he now claims she wasn't) could have

From Onassis to Trump, premarital contracts set marriage's rules - except in England. Victoria McKee reports

deminded a tizzable chunk of attached. Grose-Hodge ex-his riches, under New York's plains, "It is being argued that 'equitable distribution" laws. agreement, which the Trumps updated every few years, she should get a divorce settle-ment of less than \$20 million (£11.8 million) — plus only one of their three luxury homes and no share of the

"There's not very much regard in England for the premarital contract," says Peter Grose-Hodge, an officer of the IAML and a member of the Law Society's matrimonial premarital agreements.

"They are a fact of life in most Continental countries, and in Scandinavia they are premarital contract because separate property agreements Under Scottish law premarital percements are now one of the factors which a court must take into consideration. Eng-

The matrimonial law com-mittee is only in favour of such contracts provided certain safeguards have been

not be looked at unless both parties had been independently advised after full

ment makes provision for the birth of a child, that should Under New York state law - and each state in the United States is a law unto itself when it comes to marriage and divorce — premarital agreements are legal and binding, like any other contract, Sussman in principle. But, she according to Fern Shair says, if Ivana Trump was her Sussman, executive secretary of the Association of the Bar

disclosure of all assets, as is

also say that unless the agree-

sure can be proved". Sussman emphasizes that the female spouse usually ends property, not half as under California's community prop-

unless fraud or non-disclo-

The Trump case is particularly fascinating, because it is a parody of the situation that too often affects ordinary women who have worked all husbands' business and sud-

able them to get another job." Ivana Trump used to boast that her salary, when her husband created her president of the Plaza Hotel, was only \$1 a year and all the dresses she could buy. Grose-Hodge believes it is irrelevant that her salary was only \$1 a year, as "her husband paid all the bills

nyway". But Sussman argues differently. "Enormous wealth can mask an issue that, to women in less favourable financial circumstances, is very important. Wives should make sure they get a fair wage for the work they do for their imsbands, so they can accrue money in their own name and have a measure of their worth for the courts to judge."

says, if Ivana Trump was her client she would be heartened by the possibility of being able of the City of New York, to break the contract, partly because of the derisory dollar-"under equitable distribution her husband must have allowed her to believe she was up with less than a third of the his partner. If a man had taken the dollar salary everyone would clearly have believed

they were partners." Perhaps the most famous premarital contract was that between Jacqueline Kennedy and Aristotle Onassis, which women who have worked all limited her share of his their married lives in their mooted multi-billion pound estate to a share in a \$20 dealy find themselves with no million trust fund and just job, very little money and no under £1 million from his will. salary history which will en-



A marriage made in settlement? Jacqueline Kennedy wed Aristotle Onassis — and a multi-million pound premarital contract

custom to contest premarital

are making a fortune out of bus Judge Jacqueline Silber- valuing assets", and asserted

deal —£1 million went a lot preme Court judge who tional wrangles have turned further back then — but more recently it has become the custom to contest premarital attacked "the appraisers who tional wrangles have turned into commercial wrangles have turned into commercial wrangles which may be easier to adjudicate, but make marriage a cold

tracts would eventually simplify the process of divorce. "People say it's just lawyers

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a title Heathcote Williams's evoc-

ative elegy, Whale Nation, has already alerted many people to the crisis facing the world's largest mammal. It has been published in book form and performed at sell-out readings around the country by Wilhams himself, and actor Roy Hutchins. Now the epic poem - which first conjures up the relaxed, playful lifestyle of the whale and then moves to a shocking description of how many meet their doom — is available on cassette and compact disc, recited by Hutchins. Whale Nation is available on the Discafrique label at £6 on cassette and £7.50 on compact disc. For the same price (plus £1.90 for postage and pack-ing), the recitation can be bought through the Whale & Dolphin Conserva-tion Society, 20 West Lea Road, Bath, Avon BA1 3RL.

Heat for home

Having trouble finding a way to heat your home with solar power? The Women's Environmental Network and the Centre for Alternative Technology have the answer. learn to build your own heating system on a residential weekend course (February 23-25) at the centre's headquarters in Wales. Visitors will learn about the centre's work, take a guided tour of the displays of wind, solar and water power, and experience the realities of low-energy buildings and organic gardening. There are also lectures on homoeopathy, suggestions for children's environmental projects, and slide shows. The Women's Weekend is featured in the centre's programme of residential courses; for details, contact the centre at Machynileth, Powys SY20 9AZ (0654 2400).



A plot for life

Self-sufficiency is popular once again - and even towndwellers are discovering that "the good life" isn't an impossible quest. With the help of "The Forest Garden", a new booklet, even small plots can be transformed with species of fruit and nut trees, fruit bushes and climbers, peren-nials and medicinal herbs, creating a self-regulating eco-system which, after about two years, requires minimum maintenance. Everything recommended has been chosen for self-fertilization, selfwatering, self-mulching, selfpollinating and self-healing. The booklet, complete with a list of plant suppliers, is available by mail for £2.50 from the Institute of Social Inventions, 24 Albertom Place, London NW8 9XP.

Tissue issue

Expect to be collared in your local high street tomorrow by ers keen to instil in consumers the idea that buying recycled paper for the home isn't as environmentally friendly as it seems. The "Recycled Paper Day of Action" focuses on "the tissue issue" - the fact that most recycled toilet paper is made from high-quality paper pulp (requiring office and computer paper, which are in scant supply), rather than the lower standard generated from recycled news-papers. It observes: "The grade of paper used in toilet paper production is of a much higher quality than is nec-essary or appropriate for

ECOSPHERE something that is going to go straight down the pan." FoE's advice is to look for off-white News on recycled paper, generally environmental available at health food outlets, although "natural" rolls are available in bulk (price £8.70 for 36 rolls) through Traidcraft, Kingsway, Gates-head, Tyne & Wear, NE11 ONE, Write for a catalogue, or phone 091 491051.

Green teeth?

Most toothpaste brands sold in the UK contain artificial flavourings, colourings, sweeteners and preservatives. They may also have been tested on animals. However, manufacturers aren't obliged by law to make any of these disclosures on their packaging. Kingfisher Natural Toothpaste is a natural, cruelty-free brand now available through branches of Asda, Safev and Sainsbury, as well as the usual health food store outlets. Priced at 94p for 50ml or £1.77 for 125ml, the toothpaste comes in mint, lemon and femnel flavour.

Can plan

Each year, Britons get through six billion cans of drinks most of which, when empty, go straight in the dustbin. Yet many householders who trot Friends of the Earth support-off dutifully with waste papers and bottles still have trouble finding a skip in which to deposit steel and aluminium cans, enabling these valuable resources to be recovered by industry. The Can Makers' information service has published a booklet, "Are You Green About Recycling?", which explains collection schemes up and down the country, and helps readers locate their nearest skip or recovery centre. Send an sae to The Can Makers, 36 Grosvenor Gardens, London SW1W OEB for the free booklet.

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book to be published next week will book to be published next week will reveal for the first time the names of the shadowy men and women behind Labour's slick advertising effort of recent years, long a subject of speculation in agency circles. When Labour began to plan its strategy for the last general election, it quickly realized that it did not have the cash to employ a top-flight agency to rival the Tories' Saatchi and Saatchi. It employed Philip Gould, a young and sympathetic communications expert, to put together a "Shadow Communications Agency" of media and advertising professionals who would give their services free of charge. It was later calculated that Labour's use of such free advice saved the party more than £500,000 at the last election, and the same method is likely to reap an even bigger

The book, Labour Rebuilt, by my press gallery colleagues Patrick Wintour and Colin Hughes, reveals that the advertising team included Peter Herd, Alan Till and Paul Leeves from the agency Boase Massimi Pollitt, which ran Ken Livingstone's anti-abolition campaign at the GLC, Richard Faulkner of Westminster Communications, Leslie Butterfield of the Abbott Meade David Vickers agency, and Colin Fisher of the Strategic Research Unit. Most influential of the lot, however, is probably the former managing director of Boase Massimi Pollitt, Chris Powell. But then, he comes from an influential family. His brother, Charles, works in Downing Street as private secretary to Margaret Thatcher.

saving next time.

If Perrier is no longer fit to drink, what price London tap water? Labour's David Blunkett reports that for some time his guide dog. Offa, has been feeling distinctly unwell during weekdays, when parliament ary duties require his presence in the capital. When the animal returns to Sheffield for the weekend, it immediately perks up again. Blunkett is convinced it is the water and tells me that he has this week been offering the dog bowls of milk instead. He is now threatening to start importing cannisters of pure Yorkshire into London when he travels down on Monday mornings.

Thorne, the Conservative MP for liford South, yesterday reported back from his visit to Romania under the auspices of the Inter Par-liamentary Union. The Romanians, he said, were very excited at the prospect of free elections on May 20 and the opportunity to elect their leaders. But, Thorne fears, many have still not fully grasped what it means to live in a democracy. Several he spoke to innocently assumed that they were electing a government to serve for the next 40 years.



The release of Nelson Mandela last Sunday proved timely for Ashok Kumar, who on the same day became the first new black candidate selected by the Labour Party since the last general election. Kumar was chosen to fight the marginal seat of Langbaurgh in Cleveland, currently held by the Tory MP Richard Holt with a majority of just 2,000. He won the vote by the narrowest of margins, and party members are convinced the emotion of the day contributed to the decision. The move has delighted black campaigners, who had begun to despair of a single black candidate being chosen before the next election. They point out that at three by-elections in this Parliament, Kensington, Vauxhall and now Mid Staffordshire, Labour has dropped a black candidate who had either fought the seat at the previous election or been the favoured choice of local party members.

be Conservative Friends of The Morning Star is, perhaps, one of the more unlikely pressure groups to be found at Westminster, but I learn that Tory MPs John Biffen and Edward Leigh have joined the campaign to raise £150,000 to save the Communist newspaper, which is in dire financial straits since the Kremlin slashed its bulk order. Meanwhile, Tory MP Nicholas Bennett has amended a Labour motion of support for the paper to urge upon it a greater understanding of market forces. What he doesn't say is that his grandfather was features editor in the days when the paper was *The Daily Worker*.

t is impossible not to feel the most acute sympathy for

Chris Patten. The game of "pass the poll-tax parcel" has been long and tortuous. But the music has stopped and the Environment Secretary has a time-bomb ticking in his lap. He had no part in lighting the fuse, but the fizzing of the fuse before the detonation can now be heard as the forecast figures of the community charge start to

The full force of explosion, however, will not come until next month, when the first community charge bills start to fall through letter boxes. He must be bending all his efforts at the moment to trying to temper the events that will follow.

Is there anything at all that can be done at this late stage? Certainly, we can expect no further concessions from the Treasury; John Major has more than enough problems already. In any case, to throw another billion or two on top of the £4 billion the Government has already made available to soften the worst effects of the charge would be simply to throw good money after bad. Public resent-ment of a tax which will be from about £300 to £600 per head will certainly not be softened by a sop

Defusing the poll tax bomb

of £30 or £40, while releasing more spending power simply makes harder the already difficult task of bringing down The problem is that virtually no local authority will be able to match the Government's stated targets, largely because they were

based on an inflation rate of

4 per cent, which everyone

knows is pie in the sky. So it is not just a question of local authorities overspending, although there is no doubt that some have taken the opportunity of a change in the system to hide unwarranted extra expenditure behind a new and unfamiliar charge, reckoning that the Gov-ernment will bear the odium for introducing the new tax, rather than they for overspending. In this judgement they are probably right. In any case, by legislation passed in the last year, central government has forced extra expenditure on local authorities

without any compensating in-

initially, is but one such example of many.

Now the Government pro-

poses a system of communitycharge capping of the highest spending councils, similar to the rate-capping experiment. Had rate capping been as successful as the Government hoped, there would have been much less reason to abolish the rating system in the first place. But it did not work. Even the draconian Scottish legislation did not work. The Secretary of State for Scotland was given precise powers to fix the exact level of expenditure of every Scottish authority - he could go as far as forcing them to refund excess rates - but even this attempt to control local expenditure was

The problem with capping the community charge is that the more strictly it is imposed the

addition, if an overspending council's charge is capped - reduced, say, from £600 to £500 - the Government implicitly concedes that the lower charge is acceptable, so underwrites it as a

starting point for future years. The logic underlying the community charge is theoretically impeccable: everyone should contribute to the local services that we enjoy, so that domestic ratepayers and the business community are not unfairly discriminated against. The introduction of a universal charge brings full accountability; and, above all, it exposes high-spending, left-wing Labour councils for the wastrels they are. The fundamental unfairness

of a flat-rate charge was, at the outset, seen as the essential ingredient to make the urban poor think before voting. But those were the heady days of

crease in central grant. Local more the Government may be management of schools, which will be expensive to implement sive challenges in the courts. In of the poor forced the Government to make its first concessions. Then came the phasing, the safety-nets and subventions from the Exchequer. We are on a slippery slope, and level ground

not yet in sight.

The community cannot be trusted with the community charge. Far from not understanding what it is all about but accepting the argument of justice and accountability, the community understands all too well what is going on, has a distinct feeling of unease that it is not fair, and is laying the blame squarely at the door not of the local authorities who are raising the tax, but of the Government which invented it.

There is still time to salvage the Government's reputation. As I argued in these columns last month, one way to do this is to bear some of the burden cen-

trally. There is now a strong tide of feeling on the Tory backbenches that supports transfer of some or all of education financing away from local authorities. Provided that all the savings are passed on to the community-charge payers, this need not be inflationary, and might bring the charge down to a reasonable level. Indeed, there is an important point here about inflation: the community charge will add about 1 per cent to the Retail Prices Index. Increase in central taxation adds nothing. Of one thing I am certain: to

do nothing is not an option. All of us grumble about our taxes; that is only human nature. But we are a law-abiding nation and we pay our car tax, or television licence fees – even our VAT - because, having grum-bled, we acknowledge that they are, by and large, reasonable. What is worrying is that so many people believe that this latest tax is set at an unreasonable level. and that it is unfair in its implementation.

There is more resentment about this tax than about any policy that has gone before. The Government will ignore the growing anger at its peril.

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Beware the bear in retreat

Michael Mates advises an eleventh-hour change of policy

James Sherr argues that troop

reductions in the Warsaw Pact do

not eliminate the need for a

strong Western military alliance

re the tribulations of the Warsaw Pact part of a strategy, or simply a débacle? Has Mikhail Gorbachov been manipulating events or capitulating to them? When today's confusion dissipates, tomorrow's verdict is likely to be that Gorbachov aned his clients with forcthought and calculation. This verdict is dangerously simplistic.

An orderly withdrawal from Eastern Europe might have served Soviet interests, but today the Soviet Union is being routed. It is losing not only its clients, but its ability to control economic conditions it brought. events. What is more, Gorbachov has received nothing in return. Nato may collapse, but it has not yet. And an "all-European security order" has neither been secured nor promised. None of this can be by design. Until last year, Gorba-chov always gambled flamboy-antly with what he could afford

of his strategy. Today we must speak of its failure. This failure is threefold. First, Gorbachov's intra-bloc policy has fallen to pieces. Gorbachov's initial aim was not to liquidate the Warsaw Pact, but to revitalize it. For at least two decades, the Soviet Union had been subsidizing its neighbours with cheap raw materials, settling for thirdrate manufactured goods in re-turn. Costly as this was, the Soviet Union tolerated it as the price for stability in Eastern Europe. By the early 1980s, it was clear that this arrangement

to lose, so it made sense to speak

had profited no one.

Gorbachov's solution to the problem was double-edged. On

the one hand, he gave his clients leave to diverge from Soviet models and methods; on the other, he demanded economic results. New schemes to integrate Soviet and East European enterprises were imposed, but in the absence of massive Western assistance and meaningful economic reform, integration merely bound the bult to the blind. The policy was bound to end in disaster, and it has. The upheavals of 1989 are the legacy of the more permissive political environ-ment fostered by Gorbachov's policy, and of the more strenuous

These upheavals were the fruit of Gorbachov's strategy to restructure East-West relations. the second area of failure. This project rested on the premise that the "image of the enemy" was essential to Nato's cohesion. Yet the same has always been true of the Warsaw Pact. Indeed, for the populations who bear the burden of these alliances, the enemy is the same: the Soviet Union. The difference between the alliances is not the identity of the enemy, but the nature of the threat Historically, Nato's cohesion has rested on a fear of war and Soviet invasion, while the Warsaw Pact has survived through fear of repression and armed Soviet intervention. Thanks to Gorbachov's "new

thinking", the threats have lost credibility. To the Western public, Gorbachov has come to symbolize liberalization and peace. But East Europeans were never so idealistic. To them, Gorbachov merely symbolized retrenchment, the primacy of domestic politics, and the need



for Western assistance. The Soviet shift to a less provocative military doctrine - the force reductions and the onset of the conventional arms talks - confirmed this impression. The shift away from militarism also confirmed that a return to armed intervention would wreck Gorbachov's idea of a common European home, and take perestrolka down with it. In the words of a Polish dissident, "modern technology has become more

than Poland is". But Soviet clients were not abandoned simply in a fit of "new thinking". The third factor in the recent changes is that upheaval in Eastern Europe coincided with upheaval in the Soviet Union itself. Leonid Abalkin, the deputy prime min-

important to the Soviet Union

ister and Gorbachov's confident. recently stated that "events in Vorkuta [the Soviet mining centre] concern us more than events in Berlin". And well they might. But few Leninists - and few who understand Russian history - would take on an external foe at a time when the

n sum, the Soviet Union is withdrawing from Eastern Europe because it must, not (as Russians put it) "for the sake of our blue eyes". For the time being, internal Soviet interests not only take precedence over external ones, but obscure them. But these external interests may resurface. A future Soviet leadership may act on different calculations of costs and benefits from those that

Gorbachov has so far followed. What disciplines are needed to maintain this cost-benefit analysis in Europe's interests?

The first is the preservation of Nato as a serious military alliance. Military threats take time to counter. What is more, they are not absolute, but relative. Troop withdrawals will diminish threats, but not eliminate them. The Russians themselves have sought partial reductions in these forces, because the reach and accuracy of modern weapons makes all deployment very risky. Yet modern weapons also make forces very mobile. Long before their withdrawal was even mooted. Soviet tank divisions were expected to be able to travel 300-400 kilometres a day with all their equipment and arrive ready

Five times as much warning of Soviet attack will avail us little if our preparation time has increased by a factor of 10. The issue, therefore, is not whether we reduce defence spending, but how we reduce it. There is much to be said for reducing forces levels at present, but it would be folly to tear up the foundations of our defences by design or by

ur second goal must be to support those in Eastern Europe who are seeking to recover their military sovereignty. This enterprise is almost as vital to us as to them. The Warsaw Pact is not a mechanism for keeping Soviet troops in Eastern Europe, but for subordinating East European military establishments to the Soviet Union. Outside Romania, no Warsaw Pact government has exercised full control over its armed forces, and no Warsaw Pact army has been capable of defending its own country. Unless the new governments can exercise control of their own military installations, infrastructure and commun-ications — and the loyalty of security forces and military commanders - the withdrawal of Soviet troops will have little military significance.

For these reasons, Moscow's call for the "politicization" of the two alliances should be treated with less rapture and more caution than hitherto. Nato performs a vital military contrast, is simply an instrument for limiting sovereignty. As such, it has always had a political character. It will not help the cause of democracy in Eastern Europe if the Soviet Union persuades Nato to equate alliances that are not equivalent and to legitimize what is illegitimate. It might not help the cause of stability or security either.

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War issues an ugly invitation in Kashmir

Karan Thapar on the pressure pushing India and Pakistan to fight

war of words over Kashmir has in the past week escalated into armed skirmishes. Thousands of Pakistani Kashmiris have attempted to cross the border to assist the separatist struggle of their brothers in India. The Pakistanis regard them as Mujahidin guerrillas for the Muslim cause, and do not attempt to stop them. The Indians see them as infiltrators encouraged by Islamabad, and open fire. On at least two ions, such incidents have led to direct and continuous albeit limited - shooting between soldiers from each side. Exchanges of fire between Indian and Pakistani troops are

neither uncommon nor necessarily a precursor of something worse (they are common, for example, in the icy heights of the Siachen glacier), but in the present circumstances, with minority governments and inflamed public opinion in both countries, they may be a dangerous portent. Is an Indo-

Pakistan inevitable? Benazir Bhutto is at present walking a political tightrope. Her government is considered by the people to be inactive: after 14 months in office, excluding amendments and repeals, it has passed only one piece of legisla-tion, the June budget. Worse, it has lost ground to the opposition

and been damaged by the accusation that it is soft on India. The Kashmir issue provides an escape and a solution. After all, no government in Pakistan can ignore the trouble in Kashmir or the opportunity it gives to rescind the disputed accession of Kashmir to India in 1947, when Pakistan took over part of the region. By riding the crest of public opinion, Miss Bhutto can deflect attention from other problems. Domestic pressure is thus pushing her to take a strong stand, including, according to some reports, sanctuaries in

war becoming Pakistan for India's Kashmiri separatists, and the encouragement of the support offered by Pakistan's Kashmiris. Last week's skirmishes are not only a product of this policy, but a demonstration to the Pakistani people that the Bhutto government is doing all it can.

Yet outright war will not suit Miss Bhutto. The military balance between India and Pakistan suggests that her army probably could not win. More critically, such a conflict could give the generals an upper hand over her civilian government, thus undermining her standing in the country and exacerbating Pakistan's internal ethnic troubles. However, it is far from clear that this subtlety is appreciated in New Delhi. There, Pakistan's

political posture is interpreted as

support for - even encourage-

ment of - Kashmiri separatism.

The existence of separatist sanc-

tuaries on the Pakistan side, and

the smuggling of arms into India, are increasingly identified as stoking the fires in the state. Even though the Indian government accepts that the origins of the problem in Kashmir are domestic, the more it resists internal solution, the more it is likely that outside interference will be blamed.

In these circumstances, V.P. Singh, the Indian Prime Minister, might allow himself to be "provoked" into a larger conflict. The Indian army is bigger, stronger and probably better equipped than that of Pakistan. A quick, easy victory would smash whatever support Pakistan gives the Kashmiri separatists (not to mention Sikh separatists), and for Singh it would be a political triumph, on the strength of which he could call a snap election with every likelihood of winning an outright majority. At the moment, Singh's Janata Dal party has

fewer than 150 MPs in the 529seat Lok Sabha, and is dependent upon both Communists and Hindu chauvinists for SUDDOIL

No doubt Singh is aware of such possibilities. But he must also be conscious of his government's commitment to improve the living standards of India's rural poor. That task is already bedevilled by a growing budget-ary deficit. Ideally, he should be looking to the defence budget for savings. War would further undermine his development plans. Yet the precarious balance that the two sides are trying to maintain over Kashmir can only become less stable with time. At the moment, Miss Bhutto is abreast of Pakistan's pro-Kashmir sentiment, but if emotions become more excited - as they might well, whether or not the Indians can calm the crisis on their side of the border - she will face a difficult choice. She would

and resist the domestic pressure for further action, or surrender to demands for greater support for Kashmiri separatism. The first course might endanger the survival of her government; the second would lead to war.

For his part, V.P. Singh is at present anxious to avoid conflict, but he cannot allow his minority government to appear weak or reluctant to defend India's borders. And with the Kashmir dispute threatening to exacerbate India's fraught Hindu-Muslim relations, and his Hindu supporters whipping up anti-Pakistan feeling, he may find that his capacity to resist "provocation" from Pakistan is diminished, no matter how personally sympathetic he is to Benazir Bhutto's dilemma. The point may soon come when war will be simpler and politically expedient.

The danger is that repeated border skirmishes might lead to large-scale confrontation, even when neither side wants it.

Last evening, I had an intimation of immortality.

It was not, I'm afraid, a premier grand cru intimation, it was not a sight of that immortal sea which brought us hither, it was not even a high instinct before which my mortal nature did tremble like a guilty thing surprised; because in order to experience these, one must, as you know, have a faith that looks through death, and as I cut out focusing on next Tuesday, I have long given up the ambition of literal immortality. But that does not mean that I do not hanker. like many of us, after a little nominal imperishability: while I have come reluctantly to accept that when I lie a-mouldering in the grave, nothing will go marching on. I should nevertheless like to fix it for some small remnant to potter

My first taste of immortality

procedures for taking a crack at this, but none comes guaranteed. Contract, for example, something peculiar, and there is just a chance it will get into the textbooks as Coren's Syndrome, chuck yourself off somewhere picturesque and it might thereafter be known as Coren's Leap, strike it lucky with a paper-shop at a major Tjunction, then cab-drivers might well continue to refer to it as Koren's Korner long after the moss has obscured your head-stone, spend a lifetime in innovative wrestling or cuisine, and you might well leave these those professions the richer by a Half-Coren, say, or a Sole Bonne

Cricklewood . . . but the odds against such coups are un-acceptably whim-dependent. No. stick to your last has ever been my motto, even if the result is doomed to be cobblers; and up until last night, therefore, my bids for immortality had always hung

on words. Coin a snappy neologism, catch the eye of the Oxford English Dictionary, and I would live forever. The OUP does not strike people off once in, a word be it ever so subsequently unused - is there for good. Every year, therefore, I dangle something in front of them. Twice. I have come close: the first, in 1976, was wassname, the

second, in 1982, narmean -



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neither one a jewel in the lexical crown perhaps, not a chortle, not a snark, but items nevertheless that I should be proud to have my narmean, parmean? name immortally attached to in the OED as onlie begetter of.

inquiries reached me as to their provenance, public appearances, all that; but nothing came of it. Two Tuesdays ago, here in The Times, I cast this year's bart, (Still only February, but why hang about? Now that the OED is computerized on CD-ROM, updating is a doddle; if you had a VDU, you might see yourself immortalized before you could say Jack Wossname.) My new contender was peripolitan, a little corker though I says it as shouldn't, and unquestionably a cultural notch or two up on

Nothing much happened. A couple of logomachs wrote in, ries, waiting to be coined.

admiration, to meet me behind the London Library bicycle shed and beat me to a pulp, but from Oxford, nothing, And then, at opm yesterday, the phone rang. I was fixing drinks at the time. My wife was having a kir, I was having a pink vodka, and I had put the ice in both glasses and splashed the cassis in the one and the angostura in the other when she called from the hall that there was someone on the phone from Oxford asking about peripolitan. I hurtled; rugs flew. For how could best new word in the world. It had been lying around for 30 centu-

The caller turned out to be some grisly pedant wanting to know what gave me the right, etc. Broken, I shuffled back to the kitchen, sloshed the vodka and the Sancerre into the prepared glasses and passed one to my wife. And she cried: "God almighty!"

I sniffed my own. They really ought to make a cassis a different colour from angostura. But then I tasted it; and with it, immortality. I do not need to find a new word any more. Consider John Collins, poiman at Limmer's Hotel, consider Guido Martini, bartender at the Waldorf Astoria, consider James Pimm. oysterateur of Poultry - names

now, literally, on every lip. For vodka with a dash of cassis on the rocks is a very remarkable drink. I urge you to get your teeth around a Bloody Coren tonight. If only to stop him coming up with words like oysterateur.

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AN UNACCEPTABLE ACCORD

Last month Mr Douglas Hurd told the House of Commons that it would be unacceptable for Britain "simply to find out what China wants and then to do it". But this is exactly what seems to have happened in the making of the agreement reached by Britain and China in Peking this week on the terms of the Basic Law.

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On all important issues, it is China's determination to prevent the emergence of democratic government which has prevailed. The Government has ignored the recommendations of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the House of Commons that all members of Hong Kong's 60-member Legislative Council be directly elected by 1995. Worse, it has failed to insist on the more modest timetable proposed by the council's members: the direct election of a third of its members next year, half in 1995 and a written commitment by Peking to the election of two-thirds in 1999 and all by 2003.

Instead, Britain has accepted China's suggestion of extremely limited increases, only a third of the council directly elected by 1997 and no assurance that the proportion of elected members will ever rise above half. Negotiation has made only a marginal difference to the hardened position which Peking adopted since last June. Britain has, furthermore, agreed that the Chief Executive who will replace the British Governor in 1997 will be picked by an electoral college which Peking will control.

The Government could have declined to discuss the numbers to be directly elected in 1995. It could, more robustly, have informed China that under the 1985 Sino-British Joint Declaration, Britain had the right and duty to decide on Hong Kong's form of government. True, after 1997 Peking can overturn what it does not like. But there would have been no breach of the 1984 agreement involved in a British decision to accede to the wishes of Hong Kong's people and let China incur the opprobrium which would accompany any

move to dismantle democratic frameworks. The principle of setting up arrangements commanding permanently sustainable agreement between the two governments (the "smooth train" transition) has instead been allowed to prevail. The only "concessions" obtained in a month of Sino-British negotiation refer to clauses, inserted by Peking since the Tiananmen Square massacre, which further closed the door to democracy.

The original purpose of consultations over the Basic Law was that the wishes of Hong Kong should be taken into account by the drafters. As it stands, the agreed draft will neither establish democratic traditions nor guarantee the separation of powers between executive and legislative. Nor will it secure the independence of the judiciary, without which the formula of "one country, two systems", is completely hollow.

This cannot, if Britain is to honour its proclaimed concern for the lasting freedom and welfare of Hong Kong's people, be the last word. The Government should reconsider its position, and with urgency. The draft, which will be given final form by the Basic Law Drafting Committee in Peking tonight is still exactly that: a draft. It remains a draft until ratified by China's National People's Congress, which meets in plenary session on March 20.

It is by now clear that Britain cannot both meet its duty to Hong Kong and accept the result of the Basic Law negotiation. That message has to be conveyed to the NPC meeting, which must be given to understand as Mr Hurd has said - that Britain will act unilaterally if necessary. The simplest message would be an announcement that Britain wishes to extend its consultation with the people of Hong Kong by means of a referendum and intends to be guided by the result.

It has been said that the issues and options are too involved for a referendum. Such a vote cannot settle any and every question covered by the Basic Law talks. But it can ask two questions which really matter. Do you want a complete council directly elected? By what date? Both the campaign and result would be an education for all.

ANGUISH AT SELLAFIELD

The discovery of a clear statistical link between the exposure of men to excessive radiation and leukaemia in their children is a calamity of dreadful proportions for those directly affected. The anguish of a father of a child suffering from this serious and sometimes fatal disease will be increased immeasurably by the suspicion that the origin of such suffering may after all be in himself. Such families need and deserve all the support and sympathy a compassionate society can muster.

So serious are the implications of this discovery that the only sound basis for public policy in response must be to act as if the suspicion was already proved. Further research is essential, but it must not be used as an excuse

The investigation by Professor Martin Gardner of Southamptom University is evidence enough for action. It is already being hailed as a model of its kind, and may become a classic demonstration of the detective power of environmental epidemiology, the science of investigating statistical patterns of disease in pursuit of clues to medical causes and effects.

Because of the nature of the evidence, the exact causal mechanism is still mysterious. Professor Gardner's inquiry was first commissioned when it was noticed that there was a much above average incidence of leukaemia among children living near Sellafield in Cumbria, and it was decided to try to trace the source of it by studying the pattern. In pointing to the possibility of genetic transmission from father to child, the inquiry seems to have eliminated other worrying possibilities, which is some small consolation for the community

which lives in the Sellafield area. The emphasis in further research will now pass from the statistical to the genetic, to find the exact cause. But enough is known to suggest that it may well result from genetic changes in the male reproductive system caused by exposure to radiation above a certain level, leading to genetic mutation in the sperm in such a way as to reduce resistance to leukaemia in any subsequent offspring.

The implication must be faced, painful though it is, that any man who has been exposed regularly to radiation in the course of his employment may run some risk of fathering children who may eventually contract leukaemia. One of the first priorities of research must be to identify that group at risk as accurately as possible, for there must be thousands of men whose work brings them into contact with radiation who will today be fearful about their own families. They need reassurance as fast as it can be obtained, based on solid scientific investigation.

Meanwhile the entire nuclear industry is faced with a real emergency. Radiation safety levels will have to be reviewed once again, and almost certainly substantially lowered. This is also a case where it will not be sufficient to await the final dotted "i" or crossed "t" in the laboratory, but where the only right basis to proceed for the time being will be to assume

This first hard evidence of an association of leukaemia with the Sellafield plant will do no good for the reputation of the nuclear industry at all. Safety controls and procedures are already very tight, yet obviously still not tight enough. The public will need a great deal of reassurance before it is convinced that this is the last hole in the nuclear safety net still needing to be closed.

MAKING UP WITH BUENOS AIRES

"You should do everything", Lord Chester-field said, "in minuet time". The diplomatic dance between London and Buenos Aires over the last eight years has certainly been slow, but it has more often seemed crab-like than stately. It was decided yesterday in Madrid that diplomatic relations should be restored and that the 150-mile protection zone round the Falkland Islands should be scaled down. The prospects are therefore better than for some time for the dance to continue in triple time.

Britain and Argentina will now exchange ambassadors, and that will be to the advantage of the financial and business communities in both countries. Scheduled air services between London and Buenos Aires were restarted last month, and Argentinian merchant ships have been able to sail through the protection zone without permission since the beginning of the

Yesterday's news will be received with relief in Washington, with uneasiness in Port Stanley and with satisfaction in Buenos Aires. The agreement does, indeed, represent a considerable diplomatic success for President Menem. When he was running for president, his campaign rhetoric, with its references to "the need to spill blood" over the Falklands caused a good deal of apprehension. Once in office, however, his tone underwent a marked change, and by the middle of last year he was talking of putting the issue of the sovereignty of the Falklands on ice. "We have waited 156 years", he said. "We can certainly wait a bit

longer". President Menem is a realist. He has maintained consistently that his foreign policy would be dictated by his country's need to find export markets and to attract foreign investment. Re-establishing ties with Britain will not only reopen that important market but also remove obstacles to trade with the rest of the

European Community. There are economic advantages for this country, too. Britain shares Argentina's interest in fishery conservation in the south-west Atlantic, and the prospect of licences to conduct oil explorations on the ocean floor between Argentina and the Falklands is likely to bring a gleam to the eye of the oil companies. More broadly, the recent spread of democracy in Latin America increases the likelihood that some sort of regional economic grouping will emerge, something with which Britain, and perhaps even the Falklands, would wish to

One intriguing question remains after yesterday's agreement, and that is whether there is now anything left for the two sides to discuss. President Menem maintains that there is: that Britain, by accepting his metaphor of "placing sovereignty under an umbrella" has recognized that it will, at some stage, have to talk about the issue.

That is certainly the view of the Labour Party, who maintain that while the wishes of the islanders must be considered, they cannot be paramount. "I can assure the islanders", Mr George Foulkes, an Opposition foreign affairs spokeman said last year, "that the Labour Party is in the business of protecting them, not selling them out". In Port Stanley, Mr Foulkes was judged to be speaking out of both sides of his mouth at once.

Within the Conservative Party, there is more than one view. There are those who believe that the issue of sovereignty cannot permanently be left on the back-burner. The majority, however, undoubtedly share the view expressed by Mr David Howell, the chairman of the Commons select committee on foreign affairs, when Mrs Thatcher stretched out a tentative hand to President Menem's olive branch - "if this is just a preliminary to falling back on the assertion that the islands are really Argentinian, we should call an abrupt halt". That is likely to remain the dominant mood of the party so long as it is led by Mrs Thatcher. It is an issue on which she reads the public mind very clearly.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Control of the cable networks

From Viscount Torrington Sir, Your recent article on cable television (Business and Finance, February 8) clearly demonstrated that this new industry, sometimes referred to as the "fourth utility", is now dominated by North American investment

This concerns me for a number of reasons. The intent of the Cable & Broadcasting Act 1984 was that the control of cable networks should rest in the hands of British or EC nationals. The intent has not been matched by reality.

As chairman of one of the only wholly British/EC applicants for a cable franchise, I am also con-cerned that what we are seeing is a re-run of what happened to the North Sea oil industry. The creation of BNOC (British National Oil Corporation) was the in-evitable knee-jerk reaction of a Labour government to the fact that the City failed to support British involvement and that the North Sea was handed to the US oil industry on a plate.

It would be most unfortunate if a British national cable company was foist upon the public in a similar reaction to the domination of the cable industry by the offspring of Ma Bell,

Cable is not just a means of delivery for television pro-grammes, but is the basis for the telecommunications network of the future. The American Civil War demonstrated to governments the strategic value of the telegraph, as a result of which telecommunications became a government monopoly in most countries for the following 130

In Britain it has just broken free. and the City must respond to the challenge, or telecommunications could once again become, unnecessarily, a government monop-

Yours faithfully TORRINGTON. 11 Grosvenor Crescent, SW1. February 13.

Flaws of industry

From Mr M. S. P. Gardner Sir, Tom Bower (Spectrum, February 5; Business and Finance, February 6, 7) explains only too clearly what happens to enterprises that invest in notoriously difficult areas such as textiles and furniture manufacturing. By their very nature, these industries are volatile, subject to fashion changes and most of all, from competition at the lower level.

But this is not the real problem. The undersigned, formerly a direc-tor of a well-known Yorkshire textile company, was horrified when, in the early 70s, the then Labour Government granted our company £1 million for investment.

What happened? Because UKbuilt machinery was not available, the major part of this grant had to be directed by the board towards the purchase of machinery from Switzerland, Germany and even Italy. Only the bricks to be used to build a new factory wing were British-made. And what was the cry from the average textile manufacturers? Please let sterling be strong when we import our machinery and let it be weak so that we may export the production arising therefrom!

That was in the early 70s, but have we changed? When is the UK going finally to learn that it can only prosper by investment in engineering in the first place. We must produce the machinery that can be directed towards the production of consumer goods not the other way round. Yours sincerely, MICHAEL S. P. GARDNER

(Director), M. C. Brackenbury & Co. Ltd., 19 St Mary-at-Hill, EC3. February 6.

Harrow development From Mr Ian D. Robinson

Sir, To buttress the credibility of Harrow School's development scheme, the governors' clerk (Febmary 7) cites the plaudits of local planning officers.

That borough officers commended this location for a theatre is strange. Just two years pre-viously they rejected the same site for a much lower and less obtrusive school design workshop. Pubhe files reveal officers flatly discounting this "promontory" site owing to its high visibility from the village, open spaces, and distant roads. Moreover, the site was "a long way from the centre of the school complex and difficult to get to, by both vehicle and on foot". Hence this was "not a site for further consideration".

Why officers should favour a site they had so recently rejected on amenity grounds remains a mystery; they themselves remain mute. Small wonder the council chose to reject its officers' "advice". Yours faithfully, IAN D. ROBINSON.

61 West Street, Harrow on the Hill, Middlesex. February 11.

Rottweiler danger

From Mr W. T. K. P. Williams Sir, Mr L. P. Elsden (February 13) overlooks the main problem. To be "savaged" by a Yorkshire terrier is one thing; to be savaged by a Rottweiler is another. Surely it is the dog's capability to maim or kill that needs to be assessed? Yours faithfully,

W. T. K. P. WILLIAMS. 4 Woodthorpe Road, Putney, SW15.

Response to transition in S Africa

From Mr T. D. Bridge Sir, State President F. W. de Klerk has made a shrewd political move in releasing Mr Nelson Mandela without any concession by either the South African Government or the ANC. However, the benefit of the leadership shown by both men will be lost within days if the South African police fail to change their attitude to crowd control.

The 92,000-strong force, of which more than one third are part-time reservists, has demonstrated a hard-line approach to the black population completely out of step with ministerial statements from Pretoria.

On the day before Mr Mandela's release, police opened fire, report-edly without provocation, on crowds celebrating in Tokoza, a black township near Johannes-burg, killing five and wounding 45. Violent beating of rowdy elements of the huge crowd wait-ing to hear Mr Mandela's first speech after his release in Cape Town, on February 11, showed a barely credible lack of political sensitivity, some would say a horrifying inhumanity.

Police contingents have been involved in UN peace-keeping operations before: in the Congo and, with notable success, as a neutral interface force between the local police and the population in Cyprus. President de Klerk has shown bold political judgement in unbanning the ANC and freeing Mr Mandela. It is to be hoped that if he cannot make his police chiefs follow his Government's will, within the law, he will not hesitate to ask for UN help, while overseas credit is still at a peak,

Although article 2 of the UN Charter specifically forbids intervention in any matter "within the domestic jurisdiction of any state", any request for UN assistance from President de Klerk ought to receive a sympathetic hearing at the Security Council. Substitution of United Nations police for a police force the size of that in South Africa would simply not be feasible, quite aside from the legal and language difficulties; but a UN police-monitoring force, operating in the areas of high tension, could introduce restraint and demonstrate Pretoria's serious intention to create a calm atmosphere for the discussion of political reform. Yours faithfully

T. D. BRIDGE (Editor, Army Quarterly and Defence Journal), West Street, Tavistock, Devon. February 13.

From Mr Len Hooper Sir, The controversy surrounding Mrs Thatcher's reward of "lifting sanctions" in South Africa would seem to hinge not on the reward itself but on the moment that the

Controls on drink

that one has to be a fanatic to question the desirability of such intensive promotion of alcohol? In France, for example, it is forbidden to advertise alcoholic drinks on television, in young people's magazines, football stadia, and sports grounds.

deprive Mr Levin of the pleasure he gains from his glass of wine. But in the tradition of "modesty and charity" of my 19th-century forebears, which Mr Levin praises, would proffer that the marketers

proceedings in courts and tri-bunals should be televised (report, February 9) is claimed to be based on the principle of open justice.

Nothing more is needed.

The practical solution to the

"reward" was first proffered to Mr de Klerk

If Mrs Thatcher's response to recognition of a deed carried out then it was ill-considered and grossly out of step with world

reward was part of a prearranged deal between Mrs Thatcher and Mr de Klerk then the term "reward" has to be replaced by the word "guarantee". And, if so, the reported off-the-cuff comment on Monday by Mr Bernard Ingham, the Downing Street spokesman, that Mrs Thatcher "is leading the world" in South African affairs, begins to have some basis in fact. The guarantee would have provided the necessary security against a white backlash.

Whatever the facts of the case, Mrs Thatcher's reward for her unilateral stance, and for her attempts to rally international support, will probably be to have Britain placed at the head of the queue when the time comes to reinvest in the South African furnive.

LEN HOOPER 51c Barry Road, Dulwich, SE22, February 14,

From Professor J. D. Lever nities for its peoples.

J. D. LEVER. University of Wales. Department of Anatomy, Park Place, February 14.

them well? Yours faithfully. ELAINE LINGHAM, 44 Grafton Street, Cambridge,

of the 12 advertisements shown were for alcohol, including one for an extra-strength lager.

Open justice requires that all such proceedings should be heard in public and not in private. That requirement is fulfilled by the doors of the court being open to the public and to the press.

it must be upon some other principle, consistent with the purpose for which the courts and tribunals exist. That purpose is to do justice between the parties. It cannot be assisted by the broadcasting of the proceedings to

Sir, Civilisation is not solely defined by freedom, but by the without yelping.

is not the mark of civilisation that the misleading banner of "freedom".

Mr de Klerk was nothing more than a spontaneous gesture in

If, as seems more likely, the

Yours faithfully,

Sir, As one who was lucky enough to be born in South Africa and to have spent his childhood in that beautiful country, may I say that I think that one of the most progressive measures which the South African Government could now enact would be an improvement of all educational opportu-

If, for instance, the law of the country required that all children, regardless of ethnic origin, should receive appropriate and adequate schooling whatever their domestic circumstances, this would go a long way towards removing social barriers and misunderstanding, and strengthening the prospects of universal franchise. Yours faithfully,

From Miss Elaine Lingham
Sir, The black South Africans'
choice of a leader, seen for the first
time on TV, makes one feel less uncesy about being a human. Who could fail at this moment in their history to respect, salute, and wish

From Mr Derek Rutherford Sir, In his emotive attack on alcohol-abuse agencies in regard to advertising Mr Bernard Levin (February 13) misses the main point. My comment, to which Mr Levin refers, was prompted orig-inally by a letter to The Times (September 4, 1989) from a reader complaining that during a showing of the film Batman to an audience mainly of children nine

Does Mr Levin really believe

Prohibition is on no one's agenda and I would be the last to

Courts and television From Mr B. C. Maddocks

Sir, The Bar Council proposal that

If broadcasting is to be allowed,

'The Satanic Verses' From Dr Edward de Bono

way freedom is limited by responsibility, duties, compassion, and, when these prove inadequate, the law. The jungle is free - civilisa-tion is not. Those who want the freedom of the jungle must also accept the retribution of the jungle

The freedom to insult is matched by the freedom to feel insulted. Those who exercise power without restraint are bullies. Unlimited freedom to insult is so strenuously claimed under

of alcohol cannot be given free rein. With that the wine connoisseur French would agree. Yours faithfully, DEREK RUTHERFORD (Director of Studies), The Institute of Alcohol Studies, Alliance House, 12 Caxton Street, SW1.

February 14. From Viscount Cranborne Sir, Bernard Levin calls the new temperance lobby "wowsers". He may be right, but they also form part of an increasingly powerful section of the British population the new puritans.

So much do these closet totalitarians enjoy telling me what to do that I and most of my compatriots will shortly be cowed into as joyless an existence as the English

of the 1650s. Would any of your readers be interested in helping to organize a National Day against the joyless? Three quarters of the nation could then combine to blow a collective raspberry in the general direction of Hampstead. Yours faithfully, CRANBORNE 2 Swan Walk, SW3.

February 13. every home in the country.

The presence of microphones and cameras is not neutral. A nervous witness could on occasion be affected in the evidence he gives. Another witness might direct his evidence to the wider audience. The pompous and selfadvertising advocate could have a field day. There are many ways in which the proceedings could be adversely affected.

Of course we could curb these excesses by codes of conduct, practice directions and judges' rulings. But why create the conditions for them in the first place? Yours faithfully. B. C. MADDOCKS, St James's Chambers,

68 Quay Street, February 9. Rushdie affair is for the publishers

simply to cease publication and to return the rights to the author. The book has been published with a wider readership and far more commercial success than could have been expected, so howls of indignation about freedom of expression and artistic integrity can be quietly met by considerations of that responsibility which is the foundation of civilisa-

tion. Yours sincerely. EDWARD de BONO, L2 Albany, Piccadilly, W1. February 12.

Letters to the Editor should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number — (01)782 5046.

Polish city in pollution peril

From Mr Nicholas John Sir, Having recently returned from Krakow, I am moved by this week's news that the city has elected its first Green mayor to describe the terrifying effects of pollution there. The major steel works at nearby Nowa Huta are destroying the health of the citi-zens with their effluent; the air is heavy with pollution and the rain is impregnated with acid; a dramatically high incidence of cancer, skin and respiratory dis-

cases has been recorded. Krakow is one of Europe's most beautiful and ancient cities, a miraculous architectural mixture of many centuries, more or less untouched by the devastation of the last war. Now the work of restoration and conservation is being undone as fast as it finished by the side-effects of industry. Statues and doorways, facades and towers, the very fabric of the buildings, all are blackened and destroyed by chemical pollu-

It is vital that the international community brings pressure to bear upon the Polish Government to realise that we, for so long deprived of easy access to Eastern Europe, care about Krakow. Like Venice under the floods of 1966, it is in peril.

ours faithfully NICHOLAS JOHN, 69 Anson Road, N7. February 10.

Childcare costs

From Mr R. J. Jackson Sir, I was delighted to read (report, February 9) that the Government is being urged to give tax relief on childcare costs to encourage moth-ers to return to work. It would be a much needed move in the right direction, but tax relief should not be limited to vouchers for nurs-

eries or company crèches. There are only a limited number of nursery places and a companyrun creche, while obviously useful is not necessarily the most prac-tical answer, particularly if it means a young child sharing a tiring journey to work with its mother each day as the case might be for those who work in London.

Childminders are the most common form of childcare for preschool children in this country. If tax relief is to be given then it should also go to vouchers that can be used for registered

childminders. National Power has recently introduced a childcare charter offering this benefit, among others, and I have no doubt our working mothers would welcome tax relief on their vouchers. Yours sincerely, ROD JACKSON (Director of Personnel), Vational Power, Sudbury House, 15 Newgate Street, EC1.

February 13.

Legal language From Mr Angus Stewart, QC Sir, The Principal Clerk of the Judicial Office of the House of Lords (February 13) might have cited Charles Dickens as authority for the proper form of petitions: and the petition said, as all petitions do say, that the petitioners were very humble, and the petitioned very bonourable, and the object very virtuous (Nicholas Nickleby, Ch.2).

I wonder whether the form of prayer attached to our Scottish petitions (whereby their Lordships are humbly prayed to do this, semi-colon, that, semi-colon, and the other, full stop) has also got into literature - in writing like On the day of my departure I was up a little after five; by six we began to load the donkey; and ten minutes after my hopes were in the dust.

This is R. L. Stevenson, of course, who must have spent some time as a "devil" and junior advocate copying these things out from the style books. Yours faithfully, ANGUS STEWART,

Edinburgh 4. Wartime souvenir From Mrs Dorothy White Sir, I read the obituary of the

8 Ann Street,

Dowager Duchess of Abercorn (February 6) with great interest, particularly the reference to her father, Lord Crichton. My father served in the Royal Horse Guards and went to France in August, 1914, and my late mother remembered that he told her of an occasion when Lord Crichton asked him to hold his

horse and a small prismatic compass, said he would not be long, but never came back. The compass, which is in my possession, has "Major Ld Crichton, R. H. Gds" written on the case. My father was wounded later in the war and died from the effect

of war wounds in 1921. I have passed his war medals, service medal and 1911 Coronation Medal (he rode in the Sovereign's escort) to my grand-

Yours faithfully DOROTHY WHITE, 32 The Grove, Idle, Bradford, West Yorkshire.

Pride of place

Exeter, Devon.

From Mrs Kit Gray Sir, I am puzzled. There is one pink rose blooming beautifully in my garden. Is this the last or the first rose of summer? Yours faithfully, KIT GRAY,

Holmedale, Denmark Road,



COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE February 15: The Prince of Wales, on behalf of The Queen, held an Investiture at Bucking-ham Palace this morning.

The Duchess of York, Patron of SW3. the Motor Neurone Disease Association, this morning re-ceived the Director (Mr Peter Cardy) at Buckingham Palace.

CLARENCE HOUSE
February 15: Queen Elizabeth
The Queen Mother today
honoured the Dean (the Very
Reverend Eric Evans) and
Chapter of St Paul's Cathedral
with her presence at leachagen in with her presence at luncheon in

KENSINGTON PALACE February 15: The Prince of Bland was in attendance.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Giambattista Bodoni, type designer, Saluzzo, Italy, 1740; Heinrich Barth, explorer in North Africa, Hamburg, 1821; Francis Galton, geneticist, Birmingham, 1822; Ernst Hackel, biologist, Potsdam, 1834; Hanty Proof cket, biologist, Potsdam, 1834; Henry Brook Adams, historian, Boston, Massachusetts, 1838; George Macaulay Trevelyan, historian, Welcombe, Warwick-shire, 1876; Robert Flaherty, film director, Michigan, 1884. DEATHS: Richard Meade, physician, London, 1754; Lionel Lukin, pioneer of the lifeboat, Hythe, Kent, 1834; Elisha Kane, physician and Arctic explorer, Havana, 1857; Henry Walter Bates, naturalist and explorer in South America, London, 1892; Ciosuè Carducci, poet, Nobel laureate 1906, Bologna, 1907; Leslie Hore-Belisha, 1st Baron Hore-Belisha, statesman, innovator of "Belisha beacons" Reims, 1957.

Birthdays today

Fidei Castro became premier of Cuba, 1959.

Mr P.E.R. Bailey, former direc-tor, Gatwick and Stansted Airports, 65; Mr F.G.R. Cuming, painter, 60; Mr Anthony Dowell, ballet dancer, 47; Mr David Emms, director, London Civil Service and the presidents and officers of other pro-fessional bodies. House for Overseas Graduates 65; Sir Geraint Evans, baritone 65; Sir Geraint Evans, baritone, 68; Lord Franks, OM, 85; Professor Jack Levy, mechanical engineer. 64; Mr John McEuroe, tennis player, 31; Sir Maitland Mackie, former Lord Lieutenant of Aberdeenshire, 78; Sir Michael Milne-Watson, former chairman, BUPA, 80; Sir John Peck, diplomat, 77; Mr Peter Porter, poet, 61; Mr John Schlesinger, film director, 64; Sir Kenneth Selby, former president, Bath and Portland Group, 76; Sir James Swaffield, former director-general and Clerk to the GLC, 66; Mr Justice Webster, 66.

Arbitrators² examination

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Part I: P J Berry. W Stullivant. G Collam. P H J Chapman. D Collastury. D J Hoser. S Knill. The Wal Luk. Wal Lung Mak. A J Rich, L P Roy. R Severn, K W Wong. P ROY, N BOVERI, N W WONG.
Part II; Miss J Albern, R W Buttler, A J
Cott. B Holloway. B Lippmann. S
Ostrowski, Lady Pontonay. R Slevenson. O R Strong, A Turner.

Service dinners

Royal Naval College, Greenwich Commander M.P. Sauvage, Commander of the Royal Naval College, Greenwich, presided at a ladies guest night dinner held last night at the college. University of London OTC Lieutenant-General Sir David Ramsbotham was the guest of honour at the annual dinner of the University of London Officer Training Corps given by Lieutenant-Colonei R.S. Clay-ton, Commanding Officer, the officers and officer cadets of the corps at Yeomanny House last night. Major R.T. Watson pre-sided. Among others present

Aberdeen, Dundee and St Andrews Universities' Air Squadron

at the Aberdeen, Dundee and St Andrews Universities' Air Squadron annual dianer held last night at King's College, Old Aberdeen. Squadron Leader T.C.M. Newman, Commanding Officer, presided. Air Vice-Mar-shal R.M. Austin, Air Officer Commanding and Command-ant RAF College Cranwell, at-tended. tended.

Royal Aerospace Establishm Group Captain R. Beazley was host at the annual Test Pilots dinner held last night at RAE Farnborough. Air Commodore R.J. Spiers was the speaker.

Mr N.W.H. Bramwell and Miss A.J. Sheridan The engagement is announced between Nigel William Hewitt, son of Mr and Mrs Hewitt Bramwell, of Marlow, Bucks, and Amanda Jane (Mandy), daughter of Dr and Mrs Roger Sheridan, of London, NW11.

and Miss S.F.L. Rivaz The engagement is announced between Sebastian, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Michael Cain, of Richmond, Surrey, and Susan, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs

Vincent Rivaz, of Alderney, and Miss K.L. Davis

The engagement is announced between Peter John, elder son of Mr and Mrs J.N. Turner, of Bishop's Stortford, Herts, and Karen Lesley, younger daughter of Mr P.R. Davis, of Newport, Isle of Wight, and Mrs J.H. Green, of Buckerell, Devon.

and Miss E. Tholstrup

The engagement is announced between Thomas, eldest son of Mr E.V. Gatacre, of de Wiersse, Vorden, The Netherlands, and of Mrs John Wells, of Chapel Farm, East Chiltington, East Sussex, and Eisebeth, daughter of Mr and Mrs Jorgen Tholstrup, of Berrydown Court,

Mr P. Grant and Miss S. Nicholson

The engagement is announced between Paul, son of Mr and Mrs John Grant, of West Pen-nant Hills, Sydney, New South Wales, and Sally, daughter of Mr John H.C. Nicholson, of Adstockfields Farm, Buckingham, and Mrs Gavin Langham,

Wales, President, The Prince's Youth Business Trust, attended a lunch for supporters of the Trust's Appeal, at Claridge's, Brook Street, W1.

The Princess of Wales, Patron, Parkinson's Disease Society, visited the Society's research projects at King's College Chelsea Campus, Manresa Road, SW2

Mrs James Lonsdale and Lieutenant-Commander Patrick Jephson, RN were in atten-

The Duke of Gloucester, as Colonel-in-Chief, this morning accepted the Freedom of the Cotswolds on behalf of the Gloucestershire Regiment at a ceremony held in the Market

Ruth, Lady Fermoy and Sir Alastair Aird were in attendance.

His Royal Highness was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Gloucestershire (Colonel Martin Gibbs). nant Colonel Sir Simon

Dinners

Honourable Society of Knights of the Bound Table
Major-General M.J.H. Walsh,
Knight President of the Honour-Knight President of the Honourable Society of Knights of the Round Table, presided at the legal dinner of the society held last night at Inner Temple. Sir lan Percival, QC, Master Treasurer of the Inner Temple, also spoke. Mr Leo Price, QC, Master Treasurer, Middle Temple, Rear-Admiral R. Hill, Under-Treasurer, Middle Temple, and Captain P. Sheehan, Sub-Treasurer, Inner Temple, were among those present.

Engineers
Mr T. Smith, Chairman of the
Association of Consulting Engineers, presided at the Association's annual dinner held last night at the London Hilton in Park Lane. Mr Smith responded Park Lane. Mr Smith responded to the toast to the Association proposed by the Rt Hon John Wakeham MP, Secretary of State for Energy. Mr Donald Keating QC, replied to the toast to the guests who included Members of both Houses of Parliament, distinguished leaders of private and public sectors. ers of private and public sector industries, senior officers of HM

Sir William Borlase's School Marlow

Old Borlasians are requested to contact the Headmaster's Sec-retary to facilitate the organis-ation of a reunion. Tel: 06284

Church news

Church in Wales

Diocase of Bangor
The Rev John Nigel Cultivand, Can
in Dobgeliau, to be Curate in Caer
fon Ulanbeblig.
The Rev John Edward The
Yendall, Curate in Bangor, to bec
Curate in Melleyrn with Botwn
with Llandrygwanin with Llandry
The Rev Dr Gareth Lloyd Jones to
Canon Chapcallor of Bangor Cal
dral.

Hine, Air Officer Commanding in-Chief, RAF Strike Command, was the guest of honour at the Aberdeen, Dundee and St

Forthcoming marriages

Mr S.G.P. Latham and Miss P.J. Plans The engagement is announced between Simon, elder son of Mr and Mrs C.V.M. Latham, of Leatherhead, Surrey, and Paula, daughter of Mr and Mrs R.W. Platts, of Coleorton, Leics. Mr A.W. Norman

and Miss J. Fairley BVSc MRCVS The engagement is announ between Adam, son of Mr J. Norman and Mrs M. Norman, of Wendover, and Johanna, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs G. Fairley, of Solihull.

Mr R. Peppiatt and Miss S. Thomson The engagement is announced between Richard, youngest son of Mr and Mrs R.D. Peppiatt, of Epping, Essex, and Samantha, only daughter of Mr and Mrs C.H. Thomson, of Chingford

Village, Essex. Mr S.E. Curl and Miss K.M. Jeffers The engagement is announced between Stuart, youngest son of Mrs Brenda Curl and the late Mr Stanley Curl, of Henley, Suffolk, and Karen, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs D.A.P. Jeffers, of

Brambridge, Hampshire. Marriage

Mr J.R. Jeffrey and Mrs F.G. Barnett and Mrs F.G. Barness
The marriage took place on
February 15, between Mr John
Robert (lan) Jeffrey and Mrs
Faith Garland Barnett (nee Barraclough), both of Billing Road, London SW10. A reception will be held at a

Mr D.J.N.E. Yorke and Mrs J.R.C.R. Fyfe marriage between Mr David Yorke and Mrs June Pyle took place quietly at Petersfield on Saturday, February 3.

NORMAN PARKINSON

OBITUARIES

Royal portraitist who gave his subjects a human dimension

Norman Parkinson, CBE, the distin guished photographer whose own face with its ever mischievous eyes became as famous as those of some of his models, died yesterday in a Singapore hospital, following a brain haemorrhage, at the age of 76. He had been taken there after collapsing in his botel room in Malaysia, where he had been working, two weeks ago.

Parkinson was one of the first photographers to step with confidence from behind the camera into a world of personal publicity and continuous media attention. When the words "Royal photographer" appeared in a headline — as, given the social and cultural importance of photographers in the last two decades, they frequently did - it was more than likely that they referred to Norman Parkinson.

In the eyes of the public he took precedence over Patrick Lichfield and even Cecil Beaton in that line, and indeed his statement in Who's Who that he had photographed all the Royal Family on many occasions was no idle boast. Among his most famous photographs were the official 80th and 85th birthday pictures of the Queen Mother, the 80th, in particular, gaining worldwide currency through its use on commemorative postage STATE OF THE

Parkinson approached his Royal subjects very much as he did any other. With a nicely judged mixture of respect and irreverence, he would drape them on the spot with any available fabric to create colour harmonies. He generally eschewed the fairy-tale set-pieces of Cecil Beaton in favour of warmth and humanity and, where possible, a sort of glamour that was not totally incompatible with everyday reality. His Royals appear as real people looking their best, and they seem to have valued his common

He should have known all about combining the ordinary and the extraordinary by the magic of his camera after all the years he spent as a fashion photographer and recorder of people in the spotlight. And he did.

He was born Ronald William Parkinson Smith on April 21, 1913, and educated at Westminster School. From then on, by his own account, he did virtually nothing, and wanted to do nothing, except take photographs.



He acquired the name Norman Parkinson from a business association: in 1934, with a colleague, Norman Kibblewhite, he set up the Norman Parkinson Portrait Studio in Dover Street, off Piccadilly. The business was not long-lived, but when it ended Parkinson continued to use

its name himself. Already by the end of the Thirties he had achieved international note as a photographer of women's fashions. somewhat in the style of Hoyningen-Huene, and he generally staged his

his pictures in "real" locations.

Whilst still in his twenties he was working for Life and Look, as well as for Vogue in its many incarnations. He was an inventive portrait photographer, sometimes in a surrealist style suggesting Man Ray, and when he wanted to be, a stylish photo-

reporter, as in a famous series on the 1939 New York World Fair. In 1943 he married Wenda Rogerson, one of the day's leading fashion models, and for long one of

particular he pioneered the post-war fashion for very informal-looking, grainy pictures arranged to look as much as possible like news photographs or artful snapshots, fuzzy focus and all. Late in the Forties he began working extensively in colour.

For all the immediacy and apparent informality of his style, he had a painter's eye for composition, and when the mood took him could prove an acute pasticheur, as in the 1970s series of black-and-white fashion pictures entitled "Tribute to William Henry Fox Talbot".

But perhaps more important was his gift for catching the most opulent, glamorous side of people and places without altogether losing touch with reality: at the time of his retrospective show at the National Portrait Gallery in 1981 a critic suggested that he was the logical successor to Sargent, and that his feeling for the essentials of a period, even while in the midst of it, was generally impeccable. His pictures of the Swinging Sixties now seem like a time capsule, but one suspects that his pictures of the Eighties will have the same quality in a few years' time.

Personally Parkinson was renowned for his humour (invaluable for putting edgy sitters at their ease) and his unflappability. Not that he did not cultivate a certain picturesque temperament as part of his amiable eccentricity. His physical appearance in later years — bald, moustachioed, twinkling — was well known from his habit of frequently photographing himself with his models — often more or less naked, hence the title of his 1985 book Would You Let Your Daughter ...? Other books included Sisters Under The Skin and Lifework, called in the United States Fifty Years of Style and Fashion.

Earlier on he lived in rural England with his wife (who died in 1987) and son, Simon; latterly he had lived, in the intervals of incessant travel, on Tobago, where he indulged in his hobby of pig-farming and was the proud inventor of the Porkinson Banger. He was an honorary FRPS and FIIP, and among his many other honours were the CBE and the Lifetime Achievement Award of the American Magazine Photographers Society.

His son survives him.

WILLIAM **BARTLEY**

Protestant faith and logic

Professor William Warren Bartley III, the American philosopher, who also worked and taught in Britain, died of cancer on February 5, aged 55. His reputation rests essen-

tially on The Retreat to Commitment (1964), which in the midst of a case study of contemporary Protestant thought — proposed a new theory of rationality, which he called "comprehensively critical rationalism".

Educated at Harvard and the London School of Economics, where he received his PhD under Professor Sir Karl Popper, Bartley became Lecturer in Logic at the LSE in 1960, and afterwards held appointments at the Warburg Institute, London, the University of Pittsburg and Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge. Latterly he was a senior research fellow at the Hoover Institution of Stanford University.

Bartley was editor of *The Collected Works of F. A. Hayek*. Only the first of the more than 20 projected volumes, The Faial Conceit -The Errors of Socialism (1988), has so far been published, though it is understood that others are near completion.

In The Retreat to Commitment Bartley made a significant contribution to what he called "the theory of the open mind". The book studies the relation between contemporary Protestant thought, represented by Karl Barth, Reinhold Niebuhr, and Paul Tillich, and an unresolved intellectual crisis in the rationalist tradition.

According to Bartley, Protestantism was able to defend with integrity its "retreat to commitment", its unargued faith, only because rationalism too, even at its best, was ultimately forced to rest itself on faith - on faith in reason. Bartley set out to provide a

new theory of rationality - comprehensively critical rationalism - that took nothing on trust: a theory according to which rationality was identified not with the demand for justification and proof, but with an eagerness to seek out and to take account of

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In 1973 Bartley published a biography, Wittgenstein, which proved controversial for it reported more about the details of that philosopher's private life than some of his disciples found comfortable. Bartley's assertion that Wittgenstein used to visit Vienna's by the recognition accorded Prater in search of working him by a composer whose class youths and later did work he greatly admired, but much the same in London's also by the fact of his being in East End was fiercely chalcontact with a person who, as lenged at the time by fellow

> Bartley was also responsible delayed Postscript, which appeared in three volumes in 1982-3, and Lewis Carroll's Symbolic Logic (1986), which made public for the first time the long-lost Part II of that work by the author of Alice in

REGINALD MOORE

Encouraging the art of the short story

Reginald Moore, the novelist, editor and sports writer, died on February 11. He was 75.

He was best known for the magazine of the 1940s and early 1950s, Modern Reading, and which at one point during the War - when hundreds of servicemen, as well as their lonely wives, fancied their attained a circulation memory was phenomenal. approaching 150,000. He printed poetry as well

Modern Reading was an excellently and carefully even meticulously - edited periodical, possibly the best of discriminating, never printed junk, or anything approaching

contribution to encouraging the art of the short story, which was then rather more in vogue than it is now.

The contents of Modern Reading were, without excep- which still retains interest tion, serious in the best sense. Moore's courteous letters of rejection were famous and valued — as well as judiciously chances of making a literary encouraging to those who career — is said to have were asked to try again. His

He printed poetry as well as short fiction and many writers, now with well-known names, owe their first appearance to his good judgement. the literary papers of frankly But, like so many magazines wide appeal. For Moore, of similar appeal, Modern whose taste was catholic but Reading was very much of its discriminating, never printed era. The public for good literature dwindled, and the

it. He made a considerable circulation became too small to warrant its continuance. In 1952 it ceased publication.

Moore then edited, with Woodrow Wyatt, a collection of short stories of the 1940s today. He also wrote a novel and an assortment of pieces about cricket and other sports in which he was absorbed. He was involved with John Arlott in sports publishing, together they founded the Sportsman Book Club. Later Moore edited the Sports Council magazine, Sports and Recreation. In addition Moore was, from 1946, editor of the

Hourgiass Library. Reginald Moore was married to the novelist and literary critic, Elizabeth

PETER RACINE FRICKER

Justin Connolly writes: May I add a few words of personal reminiscence to your excellent account of the life

Fricker (February 6)? quality of his work, but I soon came to feel an equal respect for the human qualities which were an important part of his success as a teacher, whether at Morley College, the RCM

or in California. Peter's personality was as subtle and unusual as it was strong; his criticism, while always direct and to the point, was always deeply sensitive to the needs of the individual. Desnite his firm convictions about the essential nature of music, the breadth and generosity of his perception

sleepwalker's state of mind to the

temporary disorientation felt by most of

us, if we are woken suddenly. But among

sleepwalkers, sudden waking may be common, and disorientation extends

Understanding the factors underlying

sleepwalking is vital if doctors are to help

sufferers, who sometimes injure them-

selves, and may disturb the sleep of their

But the issue also has legal reper-

cussions. In rare instances, sleepwalkers

can commit acts of violence, and even

murder. In extreme cases, sufferers have resorted to tying themselves to their

beds, for fear of their actions. A problem,

in these sad cases, is the extent to which

sleepwalkers can be held legally respon-

Professor Crisp hopes that his research

will contribute to the debate. Sleepwalk-

ing behaviour may be linked to real traits

in sufferers' personalities, but these may only be expressed during dissociation,

when "normal" control of the mind

seems to have broken down. If Crisp's

interpretation of sleepwalking is correct.

lawyers and forensic psychiatrists face a

into dissociation.

sible for their actions.

difficult problem.

allow that there might be alternative roads to artistic truth.

Part of this flexibility was and work of Peter Racine due to his lively sense of historical continuity. I I was fortunate enough to be remember him telling me how his pupil at the Royal College moved he had been to receive of Music. I had chosen to go to a letter from Sibelius after the him because I admired the success of the First Symphony.

Peter was thrilled not only a young man, had actually philosophers. known someone who had sung in the chorus at the premiere for editing Popper's longof Beethoven's Ninth Symphony.

I imagine that a real revival of interest in Peter Racine Fricker, this gifted and prolific composer, cannot long be made him always ready to delayed.

Memorial services

The Speaker and Mrs Weatherill and Lord Callaghan of Cardiff attended a service of thanks-giving for the life and work of Mr L.A. (Laurie) Pavitt held yesterday at St Margaret's, Westminster. Canon Donald Gray officiated. Mr Paul Boateng, MP, read the lesson and Lord Graham of Edmonton read from the works of Canon Henry Scott Holland, Mr Peter Shea gave an address. The Leader of HM Opposition was represented by Mr Alfred Mor-ris, MP, and the Chinese Ambassador by Mr Cui Jianjun.

Privett. Mr. Nigel Privett. Mrs. S. Brittan.
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Among others present were:

Mrs Olwen Hackett A service of thanksgiving for the life of Mrs Olwen Hackett was held yesterday at the University Gordon Square. Prebendary Eric Tinker officiated. Sir An-thony Williams, President of the Society for Libyan Studies, and Professor Graeme Barker, chairman, read the lessons. Dr Joyce Reynolds, vice-president, gave an address.

Miss Rosemary Meynell
A memorial service for Miss
Rosemary Meynell was held
yesterday at St Paul's, Knightsbridge. The Rev Christopher
Courtauld officialed. Mr Gladwyn Turbutt read the lesson and Sir Derek Dodson read from Miss Meynell's Farewell at the Catafalkue. Mr Godfrey Meynell gave an address.

Receptions Joint Services Expedition

Lord Shackleton, Patron of the Joint Services Expedition to Ellesmere Island, presided at a reception held yesterday at the Royal Geographical Society for friends of the expedition. Lord Chorley, president of the soci-ety, was among those present.

Osborne Clarke Lord Manners and the Partners of Osborne Clarke held a reception last night at the House of Lords to celebrate the combination of the businesses of Os-borne Clarke and Roche Hardcastles and the new office of Oshorne Clarke Roche in Copenhagen, HE The Danish Mr Robert Alexander Turner, of Ambassador, Mr R. Thorning-

Luncheon German Chamber of Industry and Commerce

The Lord Mayor of Westminster attended a luncheon given by the German Chamber of Industry and Commerce at the Hotel Inter-Continental yesterday. Sir Oliver Wright, president of the council of the chamber, presided Professor chamber, presided Professor Alan Budd was the guest of honour and speaker. Among others present were:

John Buxton A memorial service for John

Buston, Emeritus Fellow of New College, will be held in St Cross Church, St Cross Road. Oxford, on Saturday, March 3, 1990, at 2.30 pm.

SCIENCE REPORT

Why sleepwalkers may be awake

his colleagues conducted a special study

in their sleep laboratory. Each patient

slept overnight in the hospital while

The term "sleepwalking" may be a sleepwalking and night terrors, Crisp and misnomer, according to a research report in the February 10 issue of the British Medical Journal Sufferers from this distressing condition may in fact be awake, but in a "dissociated" state of mind, writes Professor Arthur Crisp, from St George's Hospital, London, who led the research.

Professor Crisp describes dissociation as a breakdown in the normal integration of the mind, when a small group of mental processes can, in effect, take over. He says that dissociation is a defensive mechanism, which seems to block out feelings of distress.

Crisp and his colleagues came to that conclusion after studying the results from a series of personality tests given routinely to patients admitted to the hospital's Sleep Disorders Clinic. On most aspects of personality, people who walk in their sleep seem no different from anyone else. But sleep walkers score very highly on certain specific measures - it seems they particularly enjoy dramatic situations, acting, or being the centre of attention.

These traits are also strong in patients

who suffer from dissociation during wakefulness, and in those who suffer

from "night terrors" - the tendency to

wake suddenly from deep, non-dream-

ing, sleep in a state of panic.

To examine what happens during

Colonel the Hon Julian Berry, of Tunworth, Basingstoke, Hampshire, Colonel Commanding the Household Cavalry and Silver Stick in Waiting, 1960-64, a member of the Jockey Cluband of its disciplinary company.

and of its disciplinary com-mittee 1970-72, left estate val-ued at £4,918,776 net.

Mr Cecil Desmond, of London

NW4, left estate valued at £2,176,135 net.

Dr John Gordon Sheals, of

Shevington, Greater Manch-

wired up to equipment measuring their brain's electrical activity, movements of the eyes (which occur both during dreams and wakefulness) and muscle tone. The laboratory measurements showed that, at the onset of episodes of sleepwalking or night terror, sufferers went through changes very similar to

But what makes some people sleep-

problems typically differ from the norm for a wide range of personality measures. walkers, and others suffer from night terrors? The difference, the researchers

those that would occur when a person wakes suddenly from deep sleep.

The researchers believe that both sleepwalking and night terrors are linked to similar traits present in sufferers' waking personalities. But they point out that the differences in personality pro-files between their patients and the general population are very specific, and not related to a general mental disorder, patients with neurotic or psychotic

suggest, is that a typical sleepwalker scores slightly higher than usual for measures of hostility. Night terror sufferers, on the other hand, tend to be worriers, with higher measures for anxiety.

The St George's team liken the

effects of insecticides on soil fauna. left estate valued at £357.061 gross.

Sir William Sydney Albert Atkinas, of Chobham, Surrey, founder of the British engineering consultancy business. W S Atkins Ltd. whose recent projects included the Channel Turnel and the M25,left estate valued at £514.707 net. valued at £514,707 net. Mr Reginal Harry Willis, of Hampton in Arden, West Mid-lands, left estate valued at £572,848 net. He left a few cater, the longest serving Keeper personal bequests, and the residue to form the "R H Willis tory Museum, London, and who pioneered research into the Charitable Trust" for such charitable institutions or purposes as

Latest wills his trustees determine. Mr David Bruce Robertson, of London WI, left estate valued at £1,107,938 net. Other estates include (net, before tax paid): Mr John Stanley Adams, of

Ashbourne. Derbyshire Mr Roger Bickley, of Broadway, Hereford and Worcester, late solicitor......£836,112 Mr Michael John William Deat. of Exmouth, Devon ... £652,378 Mrs Eufrosina Livia Venocchi, of London SW19...... £652,807. Mr Peter Kenneth Holford, of

Mr David James Cathcart King. of Clevedon, Avon £514,670

Mr David Arthur Salmon, of Colchester, Essex £945,539.

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Mr Sydney Gordon Sloan, of Totteridge Village, London£985,185. Mr Kenneth Bernard Stone, of North York-Harrogate. North shire..... Guildford, Surrey, late Pelersen, was amongst those farmer £886,186.

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Francisca and Giorniana. CAMPBELL - On February 11th, to Mary (née Roiston) and James. a son. Harry David, a brother for Jack. HACKING - On December 7th 1989, to Tessa (nee Hunt) and David, a son, Christian Eric George, another brother Eric George, another brother for Alexander and Leo and half-brother for Belinda. Docate and Daniel.

LANE - On February 14th, at The Rosie, to Jenny (née Bond) and Simon, a son, witten Henry, a brother for Jenny.

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SANTAMARIA - On February 15th. in Melbourne, to Sounie (nee Vaughan-Fowler) and Joseph, a daughter, Mary Helen, a sister for Jerome. Benedict. John-Puri and Chara. TARE - On February 14th, at The Portland Hospital to Mary the Kinnaird) and John, a son, James Alexander Christian, a triend for Paiph.

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DEATHS

ABLER - On Pebruary 14th 1990, penchally, Elimoth Julia (side Moore), aged 43, moover of Matterne, Clurc, Andrew and Patrick, Buriel momer of Namerine, Chaire, Andrew and Patrick, Buriel at Tutilington, Norfolk, Tuesday February 20th 2.50 ms. Family Sowers only, no wreeths, Donations to Rig C Appeal, Norwich Hossitas.

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arter a short lithese in a London hospital. Sybil Ketherine. Admired and greatly loved by her methews and recess, great nephews and recess, great nephews and recess. great nephews and recess. Great nephews and great neces and reary friends. Funeral Service 2 pm on Wednesday February 21st at Chaises Old Church, followed by grivate cremation. No flowers, but donations may be sent to Voluntary Association for Surrey Disabled. Victoria House. Epsom Road, Lastmerners, Eurrey.

STREE - On February 13th, at benefit half, Abergavanny, Gwent, Veronica, widow of Gordon, Donations in Heu of Bowers may be sent to R.S.P.C.A., Gwent Branch Animal Home, Ringland Way, Newport, Gwent, Any enquiries please to T.J. Davies & Sons Ltd., Newport, Gwent, tel: (0835) 258656.

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iate R.A.S.C.. of Farnham.

Surrey. Beloved husband of
the late Vera. dear father of
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Richard and a much loved
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V.C. D.S.O. and bar. Much
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ELLIOTT-BIMES

February 14th 1990.
peacefully at home. Edward
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Margaret Harron and
grandfather of Andrew and
Nicholas. Funeral Service at
SR Peter's Church. Lutton
Place, Edinburgh, at 11.30
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invited. Cremation thereafter
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widow of Bernard Guy, aged
92 years. Cremation at
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Thursday February 22nd.
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Christian Alg.

MAXWELL STUARY - On February 14th 1990, peacefully at home, Peter Maxwell Stuart of Transpair, Requiem Mass in St James' Church, Inneriether, on Saturday February 17th at 12 noon. Thereafter burial private, Family flowers only. R.I.P.

MANUEL - On February 14th.
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daring wife of Leonard,
Private Funeral Service at
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Crematorium on Thursday
February 22nd at 3.30 pm.
Family flowers only, but
donations may be sent to Dr.
Barnardos Homes.
Thanksgiving Service to be
announced taker.

SCOTT - On February 13th 1990. Jeremy, beloved son of Pauline and Bill Scott and brother of Stephen. Cremation service at Southampion Crymitorium at 2.45 pm on Wednesday February 21st.

SECRETAN - On February
5th. Samuel, 3rd beloved son
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SMELDON - On February
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VERNON - On February 12th for some forty of underwriter at Like Belovet husband of Ethineth, and way deer isther of Gabrielle, Nick and Salby and brother of May. Funeral Service at North Wraxell Parish Church on Monday, Pabrusay 19th at 2 pm.*
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WAY - On February 12th, suddenly but peacefully at home. William Dayld, seed 74. Belowed and devoted husband of Fran, loving fatter of John and Edward, grandfalter to Thomes, Otter, Heloise, William, Marielle and Jerguy. Marielle and Jereny, Funeral Service at Our Lady of Sorrows. Clarence Road, Bognor Regis, on Wednesday February 21st at 11.30 an., Flowers or donations for the British Heart Foundation may be sent to Reynolds Funeral Service. 31 High Street, Bognor Regis, West Bussex.

WILSON - On February 13th, in hospitel, Earnond, aged 84, of Stour Provost. Dorset, Beloved husband of Aufrey, Former husband of Kathleen and feiber, of Scrob, and Former husband of Kalthern and father of Sarah and Caroline. Cremation at Yeovil Cremation at Crematorium. Wednesdey Petruery 21st at 2 pm. Family flowers only please, demations of desired to V.E.S. Appeal, Yeovil Hospital. Enguiries by Wakely Brothers Pumers Directors, 33 Sparrow Road, Yeovil, tel: (0935) 79913.

ON THIS DAY

King George VI died at Sandringham on February 6. The Times reports from New Palacs Yard, Whitehall, The Mall, Marble Arch, Paddington Station and Windsor were all couched in a stately, sensitive measure, fully reflecting the solemn grandeur of the day.

Ring George VI was laid to rest yesterday in St George's Chapel, Windsor, after the coffin had been borne in solemn procession through the streets of London

FROM THE PALACE OF HIS FATHERS

... In the cold watches just before and just after daybreak the royal guards still kept their vigil over the body of their Sovereign lying within the circle of candlelight that was set like a jewel against the velvet deeps of shadow enfolding Westminster Hall Now there was none to see and feel the stroke of awe. Before night gave room to day the last of the King's subjects had paid his tribute of reverence and remembrance at the catafalque and gone to a place in the hushed streets of the capital to take his last long farewell. The great, gaunt chamber was held in a silence that the muffled tones of Big Ben could enter but not break...

As the bells of Westminster Abbey hegan to peal in alow cadences that searched the heart, the naval party, in square rig, with white gaiters, drew from Speaker's Court the dull green gun-carriage with its gleaming brass and set it in position outside the great door of Westminster Hall to serve as the Sovereign's bier.

The moment of wringing pathos had come. Of a sudden the air grew loud with commands that began in New Palace Yard and echoed along Whitehall and Millhank. The guard of honour, for all its trinity of uniform, became one in the lovely precision of pose that is the royal saluis; and the naval ratings, as they gripped their ropes in one hand,

doffed their caps with the other and, as though on a collective impulse of sorrow, sank their heads to their breasts. The gesture worked the more upon emotion for its contrast with the unrelaxed formality of the guard

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Within that small, separate world to which the Palace railings served as horizon, uniformed figures, clothed in the reda, blues, the greens, and the khakis of half the world's warriors, stiffened into salute. And the kings, princes, rulers, and men of name all stood carved in gravity, waiting to pay homage to him who had com-manded the greatest sway.

The gold, azure, and gules of the Royal Standard dressed the coffin in folds, and surmounting it lay the Imperial State Crown, sunk upon a cushion of royal purple, the gold Orb, the Sceptre, the insignia of the Order of the Garter, and the Queen Mother's wreath of white flowers. With tender state the guardsmen laid the coffin on the bier. Even as they drew erect Big Ben strock the first of the 56 minute bells that told the King's age: and naval officers and

ratings made poignant, tiny music as they piped the King on board. At last, the naval ratings raised their heads, put on their cape, and tantened the ropes. Slowly, as the sound of funeral brass and drums carried faintly from Whitehall, the bier moved forward on whispering wheels towards the west gate. Immediately behind rode a warrant officer of the Household Cavalry, bearing the Sovereign's Standard and with him rode the Standard

coverer and a trumpeter. Then came the first royal carriage with half-seen, veiled figures within: the Queen, the Queen Mother, Princess Margaret, and the Princess Royal The royal Dukes followed on foot - the Duke of Edinburgh in the uniform of a Lieutenant-Commander, Royal Navy, the Duke of Gloucester in Guerds' field grey, the Duke of Windsor, sparely built as the people remember him, in naval uniform; and the Duke of Kent, a

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THE ARTS

Footnote to history

TELEVISION ... Sheridan Morley

The history man himself, Malcohn Bradbury, took over BBC 2's Notes in the Margin last night to write and front his first-ever television documentary. It was an intriguing if oddly uncentred look at the past 10 years through its fiction and its stage and screen

Assembling a star cast of expert witnesses (Margaret Drabble, David Lodge, Richard Eyre, David Hare, Martin Amis and Norman Stone) Bradbury considered the leap from the liberal 1960s and the radical 1970s into a decade of historical theme parks such as *Brideshead*, and fiscal fictions such as Serious Mosey, which was cheered by the very people who

were targets of its satire.

In a decade when immorality became an art form, Bradbury found Drabble worrying about gangsters and greedies becoming havis. Martin Arris examined the darkening of the comic novel, and Richard Eyre showed as how Pravda began as an outlandish, over-the-top parody but finished up a pale forecast of the truth out mass-media ownership. Today's satire is tomorrow's under-

Most unnerving of all, perhaps, was Bradbury's encounter on the ahready crumbling future-shock campus of his own East Anglian University with students who reckoned that the extent of their political idealism was the purchasing of ecologically approved

David Hare, on the other hand, noted that as the Eighties ended, theology had become the most over-subscribed faculty at Oxford. Perhaps there is a God, and if so she is doubtless already trying to assess the mortgage value of Trump Towers in the Calcutta of West Manhaitan.

At a topical time for black liberation, 40 Minutes (BBC 2) traced the lives of four black municians from South Africa who have settled in London only to find that the dream of freedom has turned into despair.

Robert Fithole takes a British train and believes there must be security men behind every newspaper, so sinister is the silence in the carriage. Sonti Mndebele was on Paul Simon's Graceland tour, but soon afterwards had to know her son in Africa rather than risk

Princess Patience came over to star in King Kong more than 20 years ago, but now finds herself in a Brixton flat without much work. Jonas Gwangwa wrote the score for Cry Freedom and remains as ted as all the others by the racial violence of the nation they i. Andy Meicair's iii once angry and regretful, a study of exile gone wrong because constries can be escaped more easily

Over on ITV This Week managed a literally chilling update on the listeria scare, finding a super-market chief to admit he had no idea whether the frozen food he boys from abroad has been irradiated or not. The fear now is that irradiation will be used not only to kill bacteria but also to clean up contaminated food and prolong its shelf life. In that story somewhere is yet another symbolic note in the margin for the 1990s.

Flashback to the fearless Fifties

John Russell Taylor assesses the images of the 1950s at the

ICA, and Joseph Connolly examines the V&A's plastic show

here is something dist-urbingly and excitingly unfamiliar about the show at the ICA (to April 1) devoted to The Independent Group. It can hardly be the names or styles of the artists concerned, who include Eduardo Paolozzi, Richard Hamilton, William Turnbull and Alison and Peter Smithson. Moreover, no group of young, soon-to-be-fam-ous artists founded in the early Fifties, can be expected to produce a shock of the new today.

And yet, there is something: these artists are all looking positively towards the future, and have confidence in their ability to help shape it. It seems a long time since we have encountered young artists in this country setting out with similar optimism.

The Independent Group came together in the shadow of the newly founded Institute of Contemporary Arts, and with the general "tonic for the nation" of the Festival of Britain still working in the system. They were visionaries, looking forward to a new fusion of popular and high culture that would bring contemporary arts into the homes of ordinary people.

In practice they believed (particularly the Smithsons, who were the architects of the outfit) in revolutionizing the way such people lived, sweeping away the war-torn slums in favour of glearning high-rises enclosing streets in the sky, where the inhabitants could walk and shop, and their children could play without danger.

Now that it is constantly suggested that the 1950s high-rise working class estates were the result of architects' folie de grandeur and were neglectful of, or actually hostile to, normal human concerns, it is curious to be reminded of these high hopes, the closely argued (if sometimes misguided) social studies on the basis of which this now despised housing was planned. But a glance at the Smithsons' project for the Golden Lane development immediately makes vivid for us the utopian ideals which actuated

them, and many other planners. The most telling part of the show is that which reconstructs, as far as possible, the exhibition This is Tomorrow, staged by the group

at the Whitechapel Art Gallery in 1956. A number of displays are remade, and many of the artworks then shown are dusted off.

The latter reveal that not all the group members went on to greater fame and fortune. Who now remembers the painter Magda Cordell, whose work - obviously related to the contemporary tachisme and art brut across the Channel - still has its own power and individuality, now just emerging from the curse of being too much of the period for its own good. And what about Nigel Henderson, intensely observant photographer of the East End, or John McHale, inventive surreal collagist?

But still the main impact comes from the known names, who appear now as precursors of Pop Art as well as the inheritors of the Dada tradition: either way, they stand out strongly for the break-ing-down of barriers between fine art and popular design.

The things that Paolozzi did with film-fan magazine images and extracts from commercial catalogues, or the way that Hamilton put his weight-lifter in the parlour for "Just What Is It That Makes Today's Homes So Different, So Appealing?" both foretell a time when the artistic quality of a work is assessed, not by inherent qualities, but rather by where and how it is exhibited. The crop of current British

artists on show in London gal leries seem for the most part poised between past and future, fearful of what is to come or deeply aware of how much of the nast is buried in the present.

Peter Simpson, for instance, whose new sculptures are on show at Michaelson and Orient (to March 3) almost literally builds his art out of the wreckage of the past. He began some years ago as a potter, winning golden opinions with his delicate porcelain evocations of undersea creatures. Now. his works are definitely sculptures, as much as Paolozzi's are, and in rather the same way, taking found objects, fragments of architectural detail and domestic devices and fusing them into complex moulded or impressed shapes.

They are still made from clay -he has not, like other ex-potters such as Jacqueline Poncelet, forsaken his original material in order to gain more prestige - but by now any connection with the craft end of ceramics is strictly

The sculptures use evocative titles like "Gris Charentais", "Saintonge" and "Volets", and the whole series is entitled "Carcassonne Suite", apparently be-cause Simpson found inspiration in the way that French medieval buildings have undergone change without having evidence of the process tidied away, so that all periods happily co-exist.



John McHale's collage, "Why I took to the washers in huxury flats", took the photographic world apart in 1954

And how the Swinging Sixties finally liberated plastic

my mouth!" sang Roger Daltrey in The Who's Sixties hit "Substitute". From the current revivshiny, two facts seem to emerge: first, plastic is no longer considered to be a substitute; and second, Daltrey should have hung on to his

The Plastic Age: From Moder-nity to Post-Modernity, at the V & A, boasts a wealth of weirdver A, busins a weath of warra-ness that one would not immediately associate with the idea of plastic: Vulcanite cheroot holders of 1900 (made to resemble miniature well-smoked meer-schaum pipes), or a comb looking like ivory and, for some reason, three feet loog. been both thrilled by the novelty of these latest synthetics, and determined to disguise the truth of the material. Hence the plethora of dressing table sets and cigarette boxes fishioned from exputs tortoise-shell, ebony, jet and amber many mounted with genuine silver carlicues which effectively re-

By the 1930s, however, designers in Britain and America were reveiling in the modernity of such materials as Bakelite. Although still demonstrating a motthing reminiscent of semi-precions stones, the shapes were decidedly Deco. Radios, telephones and those hair dryers that evoke all the evocative of the period, and all are well represented

The Thirties stuff is sophisticated, solid and reassuring, but the true splendour of plastic was not revealed until the Sixties, when even those designers who were not irremedially psychedelic were, at the very least, downright groovy. Furniture came to re-semble big toys for big kids, the ultimate being Asrnio's "Globe" chair of 1961, insusortalised in Patrick McGoohan's TV series The Prisoner, and seen here in refreshingly glorious, glossy

The Fifties, by comparison, are skirted over, perhaps rightly. It was that decade that gave plastic

its traditionally tawdry compote tion — brittle, cheap "Empire Made" toys, bleached, cracked backets, and combs that spat teeth with real venous. One image of the Fifties is evoked by some sad sprays of plastic apple blossom, looking as if they belonged atop plastic coffins (which, incidentally, were actually produced in limited quantities during the War, although none has ever been,

um, unearthed).
The real joy of plastic come from goods that could be made from nothing else at all and are a celebration of the material. Lego remains a supreme example. This V & A festschrift could well make people lustful for more rainbow-coloured ice-backets and soled

servers than might strictly be good for them — certainly it presents the brio, and succeeds in making the subject as amusing, nostalgic, scholarly or silly as you want it to be - although there remains something unintentionally humorous about the concept of so much familiar plastic entrapped under

Joseph Connolly

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The Plastics Age, From Modernity to Post-Modernity is at the Victoria & Albert Museum, Cromwell Road, London SW7, until April 29. Penny Sparkes's book The Plastics Age is published in conjunction with the exhibition (V & A Publications, £19.50).

One happy side-effect of Judith Weir's recent success is the greater exposure her earlier music is receiving. Here Jane Glover and the

London Mozart Players dug out Sielia, a diece nearly s decade old, but characteristic in its brightness of sound and demeanour. And perhaps, too, in its cheek: one could read the title as a parody of Peter Maxwell Davies's Ave maris stella, the music as an implicit satire in looking not at plainsong and spiritual truth but at a scene from the Bayeux

Tanestry. Weir is serious, though, about her own slant view. The image of men looking up at a comet gives rise to a luminous treble texture continuously dissolving and reforming through rippling upward

Firework display

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There is then a firework display or as much of a firework display as a classical orchestra can gen-erate — followed by sombre, threatening sounds from horns and low trumpets for the companion picture of King Harold looking down at ghostly ships.



Judith Weir: a serious view

It was all a long way from the other oddity of the evening, Wolf-Ferrari's Suite-Concertino, which only the legendary tenacity of bassoonists has kept alive. Kim Walker had some opportunity to show off skills in phrasing and speed, but the thing is dull, dull,

Here is yet another Wigmore debutante who comes to London with a reputation stretched out like a red carpet before her. In this case America's "newest opera star" earned it, for British audiat Wexford: since then she has been receiving the full marketing treatment across the Atlantic, and has been singing Aida from sea to shining sea.

There is certainly a bold image there to mark it. Marc's physical and vocal stage presence are both larger than life. A carriage to vie with that of Jessye Norman and a programme which takes Beethoven's "Ah, perfido!", Wagner's "Dich, teure Halle" and a final dash of Lehár all in one big stride is clearly a potential hot property. The image, though, is in danger of becoming greater than the

Larger than life

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Hilary Finch Alessandra Marc

Wigmore Hali reality. Marc is far from the finished product: cries of "Va, scellerato" did not pierce as they should; Elisabeth's greeting failed to thrill; Brahms and Lehar burst

their stylistic banks. But the expressive shortfall was not a result of any lack of sensitity

swift-moving legato proved that; and so did her four Richard Strauss songs, each one acutely aware of the shifting weight of the word-setting.

natural voice. There is huge potential in its wide and soundly integrated range, its dark bloom in legato, its resilience at fortissimo.

What Marc needs now is not the impetus of a publicity machine, but the patient help of both time and a master craftsman - who can match the core of the voice to the core of the note, so as to make movement bite; who can adjust scale, and focus timbre. Roger Vignoles brought the wealth of potential in Marc's singing to the fore: his piano transcriptions of Wagner and Berlioz were out-

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Funny side of strife

is about to break, the cameras are rolling. But before they finish shooting the carefully faked en-counter in the opulent Mediterranean patio, the gardener falls into the pool. And the reaction of the presenter as we watch him come up once, twice, three times for air? "Keep talking", "keep that idiot out of shot", "imagine having to set it all up again after lunch".

That's television. It is also quintessential Ayckbourn, in the technical and comic challenge he sets himself. As director of Man of the Moment, he proves as able to handle water as earth, air, and doubtless fire. As author, he somehow makes you feel the scene's awfulness and the dreadful hilarity of its contrasts.

I'm not saying he succeeded throughout in giving us "a com-pletely serious play that makes people laugh without stopping"; but he comes as close to his longstated aim as one could expect, considering his material. Exploitation, careerism, callousness and worse are amply on show; yet I found myself more consistently amused than by The Way Up-stream or Just Between Ourselves,

hitherto his blackest comedies. Exploitation began years ago, when the papers made a hero of the clerk who "had a go" in a bank raid, got him to marry the girl hurt in the scuffle, then forgot him. It continued when television turned the "reformed" robber, Vic, into a popular pundit and wealthy villamedia-managed reunion between this celebrity and his assailant. Douglas, who now drably toils in

sunless surburbia. Ayckbourn, as usual, avoids the obvious. Try as she may, Samantha Bond's sveitely ambitious presenter cannot prod Douglas into expressing envy at this contrast of fortunes. As Michael Gambon plays the part, he is more like the all-accepting Arthur Pewty of Monty Python: placid, bashful, gormlessly grinning from inside his unsuitable tweed jacket as he

THEATRE

Benedict Nightingale

Man of the Moment Globe Theatre

utters yet another platitude - "You can't beat British Airways, not for flying".

So has Ayckbourn substituted caricature - Mr Mediocre from Purley - for predictability? As it turns out, no. Gambon finds an awkward sensitivity under the relentless bonhomie, a buried sadness, and something not often seen on any stage. If it were not so unpretentiously instinctive, you

could call it goodness. Certainly, Vic comes increas-ingly to represent his moral opposite. As Peter Bowles plays him, medallion dangling across bronzed chest, he effortlessly combines Wormwood Scrubs chic with Television Centre brutality.

To his wilting wife (Diane Bull) he is "a selfish scumbag", to the lovelorn au pair (Shirley-Anne Selby), a merciles tease, and to Douglas, at the play's funnypainful climax, another opportunity for displaying his chivalric impulses. If evil consists of cynicism and complete indifference to anyone whom you cannot use or torment then Bowles's swaggering Vic is as evil as any character Ayckbourn has invented.

Yet, if you subtract a somewhat plonkingly ironic ending, it is as entertaining as it is to the point. One final thing. As vivid a character as any in the play is Douglas's chirpy wife. Nerys: scarred inside and outside, fright-ened of having children, being attacked at home or venturing

outdoors, yet putting up with it all. The point is, this archetypal Ayekbourn vicum never appears. At this stage of his career, her author can bring even an offstage character plausibly to life. What can the next stage of his career add?



A look at life from the other side of the camera: Michael Gambon, Peter Bowles and Shelley-Anne Selby

Comedy from the good book

Borderline Theatre Company's new production of Dario Fo's Mistero Buffo seemed like an act of contrition on the part of both the director, Morag Fullarton and the star of the show, Robbie Coltraine. Follarton was making amends for Glasvegas, her abysmal offering from last year's Mayfest; and Coltraine for the Hogmanay fiasco in George Square. Happily, Mistero Buffo is a very handsome

Fo's play is based on the scurrilous and blasphemous versions of Biblical events which were popular with medieval minstrels. The remoteness means that each section has to be introduced with a lengthy preamble that provides a nd and points a modern moral. These amplifications give Coltraine a chance to shine. He attacks with relish almost every figure in the demonology of socialist stand-up comics: from the DSS Alasdair Cameron Mistero Buffo

King's, Glasgow to Scottish Tories, from privatiza-

tion to Prime Minister. The targets are easy and familiar, but pinned to the gallery with comic Indeed, there is a sense in which this evening belongs much more to Coltraine than to Fo. From his first entrance to a burst of Verdi, in

an opera singer's frock, to his inspired clowning with the holy statues on the set, it is an imbalance between context and text. This is a pity, because Fuliarion and her translator Joe Farrell have concocted a sinuous, playable version in hilarious Glasgow dialect. Coltraine, however, seems happier with his own ma-

The mixture works best best in the "marriage feast of Cana". There, Coltraine's miraculous ear for accents and social comment is given fullest rein. At one point two posh Glasgow ladies are debating whether the Madonna's accent is not just a touch common, when they suddenly remember that, of course, her husband is a joiner. Superb. too, is Coltraine's picture of Pope Boniface VIII as a Mafia gangster. This, however, is balanced with swipes at Ulster's Protestant gangsterism. Here, as too seidom in the evening, we sense difficult questions being asked about religion.

Medieval minstrels sometimes lost their lives for plain-speaking: here, there is no real sense of danger in the material or in the choice of satirical targets. The evening is a celebration of Coltraine's talent as a stand-up comic, but it is a talent worth celebrating.

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Mike Nicholls reveals that the BPI is taking a more professional approach to the 1990 Brits Awards

onsidering the event takes place on Sunday, there has been a remarkable lack of hype surrounding the 1990 Brits Awards. This might have some thing to do with the unmitigated disaster that was last year's ceremony, when presenters appeared to have extreme difficulty reading words of one syllable from an auto-cue, and the scheduled running-order disintegrated into chaos. As the Sun elegantly headlined it "What a rock-up!".

As a result, the BBC and the British Phonographic Industry the music industry body responsible for the whole affair — are sible for the whole analy — are playing it safe. First, the prize-giving will not take place in front of a live television audience. The viewers (estimated, not entirely credibly, at 800 million worldwide) will have to wait 24 hours, business time all the ambarracing by which time all the embarrassing bits should have been edited out.

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Second, this year the BBC will not be hiring either the Albert Hall or an outside production team. The smaller, if less perfectly formed, Dominion Theatre will be the venue, and the Corporation is using its own trusty producer, Michael Appleton. He will be working in conjunction with BPI hired hand Jonathan King, a man more known for his professionalism than his modesty.

"As you will recall, I presented the awards three years ago, and of course it was a great success. But I wanted so much money they

looks as though she's just been

told that the family cat has been

run down. In her songs, where G
is for grieving and H is for hard
as in hard luck, there is a similar sense

But in person Tanita Tikaram is a giggler who still inhabits that school-

girlish world where the extreme of

adversity is "boring" and the peak of

ecstasy is "fim".

Her friends, she says, think it is terribly funny to see her on Wogan, "because I haven't changed at all";

she in turn thinks it funny that

interviewers expect her sudden vast income to have brought changes to

what happens," she says of her (more or less overnight) transition from Basingstoke's sixth-form song dabbler (with a place at Manchester

University) to international record-

Nothing happens. Your hangups are the same. Your joy is the same. It

doesn't suddenly become different

because you become vaguely

Things like recognition, praise, travel, fun ... and the royalties on 3.5 mil-

tion copies of Ancient Heart.

old. I couldn't retire."

distanted to".

Yet there are perks, are there not?

"It's nice," she admits, "but it's not

something you really want to think

about. You know how bad or good

you are. Besides, I'm only 20 years

father serving in the British Army in

West Germany, and a mother from

Borneo. Her earliest musical mem-

ories are of Otis Redding. The Beatles, Fijian folk music and Patsy

Cline - "the sort of things my parents

She started writing seriously when she was 16, after brief childhood

collaborations with her brother. "I picked up the guitar and realized it was something I could do," she says.

At 18, after an acoustic floor spot at London's Mean Fiddler club (see

below), she was noticed by agent Paul

Tanita was born to a Fijian Indian

People have a very funny idea of

Just the job for a kingpin



Switch of image: Jonathan King in, Samantha Fox out didn't bother to ask me again. The what I laughingly describe as devising the awards." next year they made a mess of the

timing, which meant Rick Astley The presenter of the show this didn't get to collect his award, and year will be yet another Sixties face: Cathy McGowan, whom last year we all know about. So this year I'm producing, writing and

Steve Turner meets

Tanita Tikaram, the

girl who went from the

sixth form to stardom

album, and one which raises the

question of whether she has the

Ancient Heart was the pick of her

first two years of amateur songwriting. The Sweet Keeper was written on

the run in Europe and America between performances, press con-ferences and television appearances. Does she now find herself under

pressure to deliver the goods? "No, I don't," she says. "I would write whether I was a student or whatever I

was doing. I write because I have to. If

"I have very definite writing phases: 13 songs this month, but before that I hadn't written for four

months. Just before you start writing

you go through a period where you

think you'll never write again. I don't

Her songs are pecked with images

know why that is. Bit weird really."

and have evocative Celtic arrange

ments, but if there is a tale being told

it is a hard one to follow. She says she

is happy for it to be that way, citing

the work of Van Morrison and

If it told a story the interest would be

momentary and you wouldn't need to

go back to it. A good song you can go

Currently she is on a three-month

tour of nine countries that began at

the Hexagon in Reading, Berkshire,

and will end at the Olympia in Paris.

"You carry on learning," she says,

shrugging her shoulders.

And why is it that she has such a sullen image? "There aren't that many funny photographers around,"

she says, with a laugh.

"A song should give you a feeling.

Leonard Cohen in her defence.

back to."

I don't, I feel awful. It's that besic.

inspiration to hold her audience.

Sad songs out of school

Go. But, according to King, "the host will not be the pivotal figure. The star of this year's show will be the music itself. This means raising the importance of the individual stars who are present-ing the awards and that of the nominees and winners.

"Then, a lot of artists who don't appear in these categories will also be featured, especially those who are a part of British music and have done a great deal for it. There will be montages showing every-one from Max Bygraves to the Mission. We will see a celebration

Clearly the BPI has learned from past mistakes, such as appointing such questionable lu-minaries as Mick Fleetwood and Samantha Fox to do the presenting. But the organization also has other feathers to unruffle, including the controversy over CD prices that Which? magazine spectacularly reopened recently. King seems unconcerned that even people in the industry feel CDs should have dropped in price

"Hiccups about prices will alway cause moans," he replies, "but the basic fact is that the British music industry's image is sensational, Records are being bought all over the world and

feature highly in every major international chart. I personally would hold that music is the most successful industry this country has. Enelish rock might be a little quiet at the moment, but then up poos someone like Nigel Ken-nedy, who is suddenly giving an image to classical music which it has never had before."

No conversation with Jonathan King is complete without being reminded of his own successes in the Seventies with his own label, UK Records, which he still mod-estly reckons to be the most successful independent company in pop history. "I've still had more hits than Jason Donovan and Bros

combined," he says.

So, since his TV career now seems to be on hold, as they say (after eight years, King's Entertainment USA series has come to an end) are we likely to see the return of JK in his entrepreneurial hat? "Well," he hints, "don't be surprised if I was to re-enter the industry in some capacity or other, but it would have to be fun, exciting and a challenge and above all something I really wanted to

"It is those factors, not money, which drive people like Peter Waterman and Richard Branson. It's a very British attitude and one which explains why our musicians are so successful and why we deserve to have award ceremonies in the first place." So now we

Polish but no passion

ALBUMS : --

David Sinclair

Lloyd Cole: Lloyd Cole (Polydor 841 907-1)

While doubtless a momentous event to those involved, the parting of the ways between Lloyd Cole and his long-serving Com-motions has had scant effect on Cole's music, notwithstanding his new, stubbly, George Michael-gone-to-seed image.

Lloyd Cole is thus another wellordered, understated and at times rather bloodless collection of Anglicized soft rock songs, which efficiently showcases its creator's distinctively stylized, low-register

One big plus is the deep-twang guitar playing of Robert Quine, formerly of Richard Hell's Voi-doids and Lon Reed's band, which gilds many of the songs with an elegant, neo-country ballad touch, the sort of thing that Chris Isaak does with such elan. Quine is joined on several polished, workmanlike performances by drummer Fred Maher (Lou Reed and others) who injects an untypi-cally muscular backbeat into "Sweetheart" and "I Hate to See You Baby Doing That Stuff".

Cole's speciality is to evince a detached, academic interest in the affairs of his heart while keeping the undignified spectre of passion firmly at bay. At his best, as on the moody "No Blue Skies" and the bluesy boogie of "Downtown", he gently stirs up a combination of neat, uncomplicated melody and thoughtful lyrics.

But he is certainly not about to break sweat over any of it and too often his deadpan delivery is as invigorating as a limp handshake. At times, during the mundane whimsy of "Undressed" for instance, the sheer politesse of the exercise becomes tiresome.

The Crames Stay Sick (Enigma ENVLP 1001)

Like some of the trashy horror B-movies from which they so gleefully derive inspiration, the Cramps just run and run. It is now 14 years since the ghoulish singer Lux Interior and his frolicsome partner, the guitarist Poison Ivy Rorschach, convened the band in New York. Yet still there are no signs of any amouthing of the very rough musical edges, nor of any dilution of the comedy-shock tactics that have won them such a huge and devoted cult following.

Stay Sick is a high-kitsch assemblage of psychobilly and swamp-surf themes played with the customary degree of genial ineptitude. "Journey to the Centre of a Girl", "The Creature From the Black Leather Lagoon" and "Bi-kini Girls With Machine Guns" all bowl along with plenty of Lux's densely echoed voice snarts and roars impressively, while new recruit Candy Del Mar plonks out bass lines that do not so much walk as totter along in the wake of

Nick Knox's erratic snare beat. The group's untypically lively press biography observes that the Cramps' songs are about "decapitations, transmogrifications, psycho-frenzies, invading saucermen, voodoo and pussy", which leaves me with little to add, save to say that they are more fun on stage than they are in the front room.

Johnny Clego and Savuka: Cruel, Crary, Beenfird World (EMI CDP 7934462)

Three years ago, Johnny Clegg's seamless fusion of Western rock and South African township jive was still a groundbreaking novelty. Now, although his antiapartheid message has become considerably more voluble, with songs like "One (Hu) Man One Vote" being nothing if not explicit, his music is beginning to sound like a pan-African version of Phil Collins. When his voice reaches the upper register during the catchy pop melody of "Rolling Ocean" his singing resembles that of Sting and indeed, the breezy reggae inflection of "It's an Illu-sion" is redolent of the Police in

It is many years since Clegg was a Johannesburg street performer, and with his 1987 album Third World Child having registered sales of more than two million copies, he has clearly become an influential actor on the inter-national stage. But it still seems incongruous for such an issue-led music to turn out so bright and resoundingly mainstream. Despite the surface fizz, and lyrics evidently written from the heart, the songs here lack the deeper emotional resonance of his best known material, "Scatterlings of Africa" and "Asimbonanga"



Cool Lloyd Cole: passion spent Cint Black: Killin' Time

Clint Black, from Houston, Texas, is the latest doyen of country music's young fogey tendency. Still only 27, his rich, burnished drawl is a dead ringer for that of Randy Travis (30), himself a diligent student of old-time greats like Merie Haggard, Hank Williams and George Jones.

Unlike Travis, Black leads his own Texan band and performs redominantly his own material His debut album is a relaxed, highly accomplished affair which. even at its jauntiest, as on "Straight From the Factory", would not cause Grandpa's rocking chair to miss a beat. Fiddle. steel guitar and harmony vocals drift into gentle but precise focus on traditional sounding ballads like "Nobody's Home" and "You're Gonna Leave me Again", providing eloquent testament to the regenerative qualities which have characterized country music for so long.

● Tanita Tikaram performs at Birmingham Town Hall tonight, Brigh-ton Dome on Sunday, Portsmouth Guildhall on Monday, Bristol (Colston Hall) on Tuesday, and Hammersmith Odeon on Thursday and Friday next Charles, who offered to manage her. Nine months later, she had an album out and in the charts. Almost 18 months after that she has released Giggly and girlish Tanita Tikaram: "I write because I have to. If I den't, I feel awful. It's that basic" The Sweet Keeper, a much less varied

Situated in deepest Harlesden, in north-west London, not exactly the most fashionable or accessible part of the capital, the Mean Fiddler is hardly an byious centender for fame as a

Moreover, its capacity is just 600 - compared, for instance, with the Town & Country's 2,000. Yes, eight years after its opening night, the Mean Fiddler has turned turn pire. Under its ownership umbrella, there are now two ightclubs - the Powerhaus in Islington and Subterania near
Ladbroke Grove — plus its latest
acquisition, the 2,000-seater
Grand Theorem Grand Theatre in Clapham.

A 43-year-old Irishman called Vince Power is responsible for this mexpected expansion. Power, who formerly ran second-hand furniture shops and still keeps one

At home on the range in the back of beyond The Mean Fiddler, once a derelict building, has now become a popular music venue of mythical status, as Rose Rouse reports

> going in case his other business collapses, has an abiding passion for country and western ma Consequently, when a derelict building came up for sale, he turned it into a ranch-like country and western venue. "When I first came, everyone was dressed as a cowboy," says the promoter, 24-year-old "Dave-id" Phillips. "It was like a country and western weekend at Butlins." wasn't in the West End."

Phillips was a squatter who lived nearby, but soon afterwards he became the Mean Fiddler's booking agent. "Vince realized there wasn't a big enough English country and western scene to support the venue," he says.

Phillips promptly contacted all sever of American terash bands, sew country acts and guitar-based rock bands. "The Pognes played here for £25," Phillips says, "and the pognes of the played for £25," Phillips says, "and the played for £25," Phillips says, "and the played for £25, Pagnet Lloyd Cole played for £50. People suddenly realized there was a venue to be reckoned with that

The Mean Fiddler organization has a significant financial advantage over many live venues in don - its bars are not run by breweries. As a result, Power and Phillips can afford to match fees paid to big bands by much larger venues. Before Christmas, for instance, Big Andio Dynamite played four nights at Subterania,

which holds 500 people. "It was a credible thing for them to do," Phillips says. "It's more interesting than playing a big venue."

There are now time hart at the Mean Fiddler and an Acoustic Roya that has their beauty of Tanita.

mythical states because Tanita Tikaram made her first live exrance there for no fee. There was a real need for a small venue with an intimate atmosphere," Phillips says. Tika-ram played to seven people and was signed to WEA shortly afterwards.

Last year, Power and Phillips took over the promotion of the rapidly ailing Reading Festival.

"The likes of Bonny Tyler were headlining," Phillips says. "We wanted to put on something more diverse, like the European Music Festival." Having persuaded bands like New Order, The Pognes and The Mission to perform, instead of heavy-metal hands, they attracted a crowd of 40,000 for the first time in years.

The Mean Fiddler is determinedly isolationist in relation to the music business. "I'm sure some of them still laugh at us,"
Phillips says. Promoting staff
from within, going to Dublin to
procure bar staff, encouraging provincial bands to come down in coach-loads with their mothers and fathers - these are all policies which serve to keep the Mean Fiddler organization alone but successful on the hazardons live rock 'n' roll circuit.

WEEKEND GIGS

Compiled by David Sinclair, David Toop and Rose House RODOLFO Y SU TIPICA RAZ: 42-year-old Columbian singer Rodolfo Alcardi has been a Cumbia and miss superstar throughout South America since the tate Socies, but has only recently been introduced to sudiences in this country by his Cumbia anthem "La Colegiala" which was prominently featured in a television coffee commercial. His Tipica RA7 band are renowned musters of the not-blooded Latino hos-down. Empire, Laicester Square, WC1 (01-437 1445) Sunday, 7.30pm, £7.50.

b STANT COUSTAC Recemby been supporting Simply Red on their various arens dates, this critically acclaimed trio dispenses a contection of bluesy guitar pop and braezy sout.

Ronnie Scott's, Frith Street, London W1 (01-439 0747) Sunday, 8pm, 28.

JAZZ WARRIORS: The New York-based reads withost, renowned as one of the most challenging composers in contemporary jazz, hocks up with Britain's celebrated black big band for Britain's celebrated black big band for the first concert of this year's Canden Jazz feathral. Also on the bill is Working Week, featuring Simon Booth and Larry Stabbins, and District Six led by South African percussionist Brian Abrahums.

Town & Country, 8-17 Highgate Road, London NW5 (01-284 0303), Sunday, 6.30pm, 27-29.

buzzy, eccentric Brooklyn duo of John Flansburgh and John Linnell. Renowned for their hyperactive arry videos and variety of sounds. Now and then they come across file Jonathan Richman on uppers.

a tendency to be one-dimensional but Mibits Bei, who began her career with Tabu Ley's and has a subtle, tender voice, clearly values melody as much as the usual atmember of the and rhythms of Central Africa.

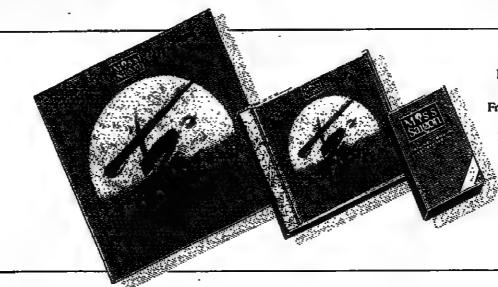
Hammersmith Palais, Shepherd's Bush Road, London, W6 (01-748 2812), Sunday, 7.30pm, 28.50.

may be the chance to see some hit makers of the future. After all, the Cookle Crew started their career by winning a rap contest. Be prepared for the very worst, also.

Canden Palace, Carnon Road, London NW1 (01-387 0428), Monday, 7.30 om. £5.

FRANK CHICKENS: KLUB KARAOKE: This is guaranteed to be a very amusing evening spent in the strange clutches of Japaness female duo, the Frank Chickens. All sorts of different bearing set the urns to sing different people get the urge to sing anything from Jolene to Yesterday to becking tracks. Old Bull Arts Centre, 68 High Street, Barnet (01-449 0048) today, 8pm, £4.95.

AC TEMPLE Shemuld band who are algued to note a specialists Burrist. They've recently released an album Sourpuss which sounds like a pleasant version of Sonic Youth. Expect layer upon layer of guitars. The Back Lon, Glas Street. Northempton (0604 22178) today, 8pm, 24. Counterpoint, Princes Way, Betchey (0108 370003) tonorrow, opm, 24. Edwards No 8, John Bright Street, Birmingham (021-648 5610) Sunday, 8pm, 24.



ALBUM OF THE WEEK Miss Saigon Double LP £10.99, Double Cassette £10.99 Double CD £21.99

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FILMS

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director Ridley Scotl about a hardboiled New York cop (Michael Douglas). pursuing a Japanese gangster through Osaka With Andy Gercia and Ken Takakura (125 min). Casasan Basan Street (01-935 9772). Procs 2.10, 5.30, 8.10. Late Fri and Sat 11.00.

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A DRY WHITE SEASON (15): Powerful aparthaic thriller (from André Braik's novel), with Donald Sutherland as a mild schoolteacher whose conscience is finally streed. Directed by Euzhan Palcy; with a juicy cameo from Marion Brando (106 min.)

Curzon West End (01-439 4805). Progs 2.00, 4.10, 6.20, 8.40.

FAMILY BUSINESS: Comedy-draft drawn upon a novel by Vincent Patrick with Sean Connery and Dustin Hoffman as members of a family of crime (100

Odeon Leicester Square (01-930 6111). Progs 12.05, 2.45, 5.35, 8.25. HONEY, I SHRUNK THE KEDS (U): The Disney studio's endearing, family-slanted variation on The Increasible Strinking Man, with Rick Moranis as the luckless inventor who accidentally shrinks his children to minuscule size. Shrinks its charles to menuscule size. Directed by Joe Johnston (102 min). Noting Hill Coronet (01-727 6705). Progs 2.15, 4.20, 6.20, 8.30. Odeon Kensington (01-602 6844). Progs 12.45, 3.25, 6.05, 8.45. Odeon West End (01-930 5252). Progs 1.00, 3.30, 6.10, 8.45. Odeon Stripe Cotton (11, 733 8000).

Odeon Swiss Cottage (01-722 5905). Progs 1.10, 3.30, 6.00, 8.45. JESUS OF MONTREAL (18): An updated version of a Pa

updated version of a Passion Play
causes controversy in Montreal.
Strained satirical fireworks from Denys
Arcand, Canadian director of The
Decline of the American Empire (120

man). Lumiere (01-836 0691). Progs 1.00, 3.30, 6.05, 8.40. Camden Plaza (01-485 2443). Progs 1.00, 3.30, 6.05, 8.40. Gate (01-727 4043). Progs 1.15, 3.45, 6.15, 8.45.

LAST EXIT TO BROOKLYN (18): Raw, powerful version of Hubert Selby Jr's once-controversial novel of Brooklyn life, from the director of Christiane F, Ulrich Edel, With Stephen Lang. Jennifer Jason Leigh (102 min). Cannon Panton Street (01-930 0631). Progs 2.15, 4.40, 7.25, 10.05. Common Tottenham Court Road (01-638 6148). Props 2.20, 5.45, 8.30, Odeon Kensington (01-602 6444 Whiteleys (01-792 3303). Proge 2.30, 5.05, 7.25, 9.15.

PARENTHOOD (12): Epieodic hear warmer from Ron Howard about the warmer from Flon Howard about the joys and sorrows of raising children. Features a large, excellent cast (Steve Martin, Mary Steenburgen, Darme Wiest, Jason Robards) (114 mins), Cantinon Futham Road (01-370 2636), Progs 2.10, 6.10, 9.05. Cantinon Oxford & (01-856 03178 2006) Carinon Oxford 8t (01-636 0310). Progs 2.00, 5.00, 8.15. Cannon Shaftesbury Avenue (01-836 6279). Progs 2.15, 5.05, 7.55. Plaza (01-437 1234). Progs 12.15, 3.00, 5.45, 8.30.

SHIRLEY VALENTINE (15): Warm-Pauline Collins repeats her stage role as the Liverpool housewite rediscovering romance (109 min). 2 Cannon Futhern Road (01-370 2636). Progs 2.10, 6.10, 9.20.

STEEL MAGNOLIAS (PG): Dawdling but handsome version of Robert Harling's play about the camaradene of Southern women gathered together in a beauty partour With Selfy Field Dolly Parton and Shirley MacLaine Directed by Herbert Ross (117 min). Herbert Hoss (117 min). Odeon Haymarket (01-839 7697). Progs 12.10, 2.55, 5.40, 8.25. Odeon Kensington (01-802 6844). Progs 12.35, 3.15, 6.00, 8.40. Cannon Chelson (01-352 5096). Progs 1.40, 4.15, 6.55, 9.25.

WHEN HARRY MET SALLY (15): Engaging romantic comedy, with Billy Crystal and Meg Ryan as professional Manhattanites who gradually fall for each other. Written by Nora Ephron, directed by Rob Reiner (95 min).

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THEATRE

LONDON THE BEDSUC: Alarmist Thearm of Brighton show their updated version of Mayakovsky's visionery tarce: a citizen fruzen for 50 years enrenges to a new Russia, along with his bedbug. Rosemary Branch Theetre, 2 Shepperton Rd, N1 (01-226 4433). Tube: Highbury & Islington, Tues-Sat 7.30pm, 24.50.

★ BLCOD SROTHERS: Willy Russell's sentimental musical: separated twins sentimental musical: separated twins destroyed by the English class system; (Rid Dee as their mother. Albery Theatre, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (01-867 1115). Tube: Leicaster Sq. Mon-Sat 7.45-10.45pm, mats Thurs 3-6pm, and Sat 4-7pm, £6.90-£18.50. (D)

CONTEMPORARY NOH: Triple-bill made

up of a 14th-century Noh play, a Kyogen comic intertude and Seckett college drawn from Walting for Godot and other pieces, with the author's consent.

Theatre Niuseum, Flussell St, W1 (01-836 2330). Tues-Sat Spm, 25-27.

the Wallgover Squarie: Adeptation of Patrick Hamilton's mecabre thriber set on the over of the Second World War, with two actresses playing the role of the harome.

Lynic Studio Theetre, long St, W6 (01-741 2311). Tube: Hammersmith. Mon-Set 8pm, met Set 4,30pm, 28. A LITTLE NIGHT MUSIC: Derothy Tutin, Peter McEnery, Susen Hempshare, in Sondheim's elegant and

reading musical. Ends tonght. Piccadiny Thearre, Denman St, W1 (01-867 1118). Tube: Piccadiny Circus. Mon-Set 7.45pm. Mets Set 3pm, £11-£21. MY HEART'S A MUSTCAME: Francis Barber in Clare McIntyre's new play tries to sort her life out on a Brighton holiday. holiday. Royal Court Thentre, Scene Sq. SM1 (01-730 1746). Tube: Sicane Sq. Mon-Sat 8pm, mat Sat 4pm, £4-£12.

TOP FILMS AND VIDEOS

LCMDON: 1(-) Family Business
2(-) Honey, I Shrunk
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5 (2) When Herry Met Selly
6 (3) Parenthood
7 (6) Jesus of Montreal

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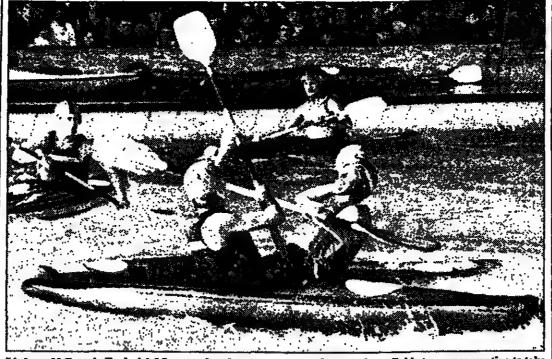
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range of courses is available to anyone wanting to take to the water - from placid, white-water, sea canoeing and canoe sailing to sprint, marathon, wild-water racing, polo, skalom and surf kayaking. Visitors to the British Canoe Union's International Canoe Exhibition, which opens at Crystal Palace tomorrow, will be able to learn about the various disciplines, courses and clubs available. They will also be able to watch some of the best paddlers in the country compete in championship competitions. International Canoe Exhibition, Crystal Palace National Sports Centre, London SE19 (01-778 0131). Open ton 6pm, Sunday 9.30am-5.30pm, adults 24, children under 16 22.

Judy Froshaug

Congress Theatre, Eastbourne (0323 412424) 8-10.30pm, £7.50-£9.50.

- DANCE

* SWAN LAKE: Bryony Brind in the

Royal Bafet's production. Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2 (01-240 1066), 7.30pm, 21-

AURORA'S WEDDING: London City

Bailer's production with the dramatic Transfigured Night and the comic Graduation Bail.

Key Theatre, Peterborough (0735 52439), today 8pm, £8.50, tomorrow 2.90pm, £8 and 8pm, £8.60.

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TODAY

b ART FARMER'S INTERNATION TO SECRET BY THYRITH SECRET BY John Horter (tonight) and Dave Newton (tomorrow). The Stables, Wavendon, Milton Keynes

The Farmer's Duo, Gresham Rd, Cambridge (into 0223 62086), tomorrow, 7.30pm, £10.

TOMORROW

LAN SHAW: Androgynous white soul

illiner whose past performances have ranged from Stax-style hits to jazz belieds. Appearing tonight with soprano saxophonist Lol Coxtill.

HO Resistant, Canden Lock, Lundon NW1 (01-485 6044), 8,30pm, 25.

Helen Shapiro (right) is the singer

writers, Johnny Mercer. The pro-

gramme features more than 30

40 years, Mercer collaborated

with, among many others, Jerome Kern, Hoagy Carmichael and Henry Mancini. He won four

Oscars. Queen Elizabeth Hall,

London SE1 (01-928 8800), Sun-

day 7.45pm, tickets £5-£15.

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OUT OF TOWN HULL: & Richard III: Great Eastern Stage tour northern counties with an el-male cast of six led by Jonethan Oliver as the crowned fiend. Spring Street Theatre, Spring St (0482 23636). Thurs-Sat 7.45pm, 24.25. LEATHERHEAD: & How Swepth Similarby Wanderers Won the FA Cup: Stage version of J.L.Carr's touchingly

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Carrenet, Neil Stacy and David Horostati
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Theatre Royal, The Drum (1752
669595), tonight and tomorrow 7.30pm,
mat tomorrow 2.30pm, £8.50-£10.50,

CONCERTS MORNING

ANTWEST PLEASURE In the Hartwest Cassion for Pleasure series Serge Baudo conducts the LPO in Bloch's rhapsodic Schistomo (Ofra Harnoy, cello), Rimsky-Korsakov's Scheharzenov and the Sea Interfudes from Case Cairne to Scheharzen Schie from Pater Grimes by Benjamin Britten. Royal Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 8900), 7.30pm, 25. London SE1 (01-92) 8900), 7.30pm, 25. 2 SLP OF MEMORY: In an event celling itself "The 'Sorry! Forgot St Valentine's Day' Concert" James Binir conducts the LCO in the marriago from Muscagni's Cavalieria Russicana Johann Strauta It's Rosse from the South Wattz, Grieg's Plano Concerto (Piers Lane, 400int), Ruvel's Bolleto, Tcheikovsky's Romeo and Juliet Fantasy-Overture and Capricol Islaen, Earth-can Castra, Sik St. London EC2 (01-638 8891), 7.45-9.45pm, 27.50-216.50.

Academy of St Martin-In-the-Fields under lone Brown performs. Schoenberg's Verlaine Nacht, Beethoven's Grosse Fuge and Mendelsschn's Symphony No 9, Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-828 8800), 7.45pm, 25-211.

★ WINTER JOURNEY: Anthony Scales, baritone, sings Schubert's Winterreise cycle D911 with John Humphreys at the plane. piano. Purcuil Resea, South Bank, London SE1 (01-925 5500), Ilpm, 12-26.50.

TOMORROW

th BORDOM/SERLINSKY: The Borodin Custriat offers Shossakovich's Quartet Nos 7 and 8, Schnittke's Quartet No 3 and, with Lucinitis Bartrisky, the Mather-Schnittke Plano Quartet. Wignerse Hell, 35 Wignore St, London W1 (01-835 2141), 7,30pm, 27,80-215.

♦ SUPERISE SUBSLIUS: Andrew Davis ducts the BBC SO in Sibelius's conducts the BBC SU in Suprise in Mightride and Survise sympthetic poem Violin Concerno (soloist, Lift Hoescher) and Nielsen's Symphony No 5. Berbican Centre, 7.45pm, 23-214,

SUNDAY

ALL MAHLER: The LPO is conducted by Kurt Senderling in Mahler's lengthy Symphony No 9 with no inserval, Royal Feethval Hell, 7.30-9.00pm, 23-225.

ALL SCATTEVENCE Monteveriff's Visions of 1610 are heard from the East London Chorus, Nemmo Orchestra and many soloists, et alternation by Ministel Wildiand in St John's, Smith Sq. London SW1 (01-222 1051), 7.30pm, 25-27.

OPERA

☆ LUCIA DI LAMMERMOOR: Opera 80s new travelling production by Stephen Unwin is conducted by ivor Bolton. The Playhouse, Weston super-Mera (0934 523521), 7.30-10pm, £5-£7.50.

A THE RAPE OF LUCRETIA: Students from the Royal College of Music Opera. School present a new production by Carl Shartock. Britten Theatre, Prince Consort Rd, London SW7 (01-589 3643, ext 337), 7.30-10pm, 22-58.

★ LA BOHEME: Peter Knapp's young Travelling Opera presents his revival as part of its opening tour.

SUNDAY

 UNCLE FISH FRY: R&B and five in the lettest afternoon session from the London Swing Dance Society, preceded by Jitterburg/Lindy-Hop lessons for the 160 Club, 100 Oxford St, London W1 (01-636 0983), 2.15-5.20pm (Hessons 1,30pm) £4.50.

ROCK TODAY

* DIONNE WARWICK: A # DIONNE WARWICK: A transcendental telent who, during a 30-year career, has traversed the boundaries of pop, gospel, jazz, R'n'8 and blues with hits like "Anyone who had a Heart". "Walk on by", "Trams and Boats and Planes", "Do You Know the wey to San José?" and many others.

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Lakeside Country Club, Frimley Green,
near Camberley, Surrey (0252 836464),
tonight and temorrow 7.30pm, 225-230.
NEC, Bermingham (021 780 4183), Sun
7.30pm, £12.80-£14.80.

TOMORROW

A LLOVO COLE: Back, without his Commotions but boasting a workmanike new album and a strange George Michael gone-to-seed image. Lister Hell, Lothsin Rd, Edinburgh (031 278 1164), tomorrow 7.30pm, £5-£9. Capitol, 431 Unson St, Aberdeen (0224 583141), Sun 7.30pm, £7-£8.

SUNDAY

& THE KOKSLE WORKER Ian McNubb's extraordinarily resilient rock-melody combo calebrates in tenth year in business, with a change of line-up, a new big label recording contract and a mension UK bur which source here. Demos Factory, Ward Rd, Dunden (0382 25835), Sun 7.30pm, £3-£4.

 PETER MARKEL BAND: Influential, enigmatic, ex-Van Der Graaf Generator insoer abroad with a band for the first. time in 10 years to promote his latest album. Out of Wirms. Themire Royal, King St, Gristol (02/2 25(0250), Sun 7.30pm, 25-26.50.

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show how imagery falls ambivalently between landscape and abstraction. Mauthorough Files Art, 6 Abstraction. Mauthorough Files Art, 6 Abstraction. London W1 (07-629 5161), Mon-Frt 10am-5.30pm, Sat 10am-12.30pm, free, umil March 6. SCOTTISH ART FROM 1900: A

comprehensive survey starting with Scottleh Colourists Cadell and Pepice and ending with today's young nametive paimers, Campbell Conroy and Wiszniewski. Barbican Art Gullery, Barbican Cantre, Silk St, London EC4 (01-638 4141), Mon-Sat 10am-8.45pm, 23, undi April

TOM PHILLIPS: The conceptual artist's portrai paritings of friends and calebrations in the art world. Massi Gallary, University of Warwick, Coverny (0203 523523), Mon-Fri noon-ton, Sai 10am-bpm, Irae, ural March



CRAIGIÉ HORSFIELD: Works on paper by one of the more challenging photographers around. Frith Street Gallery, 60 Frith St. London W1 (01-494 1550), Tues-Fri 10am-6pm, Sat 11am-4pm, free, until Merch 17. THE WORK OF AMORELS: Masterpioces of Centic metalwork 6-9th centuries AD, including church vessels, brooches and

WALKS -

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THE CITY OF LONDON — A 2,000 YEAR HISTORY: Mest Monument tube, 2.15pm, £3.50 (01-668 4019) SUNDAY

LONDON: ROYAL AND ARISTOCRATIC: Most Green Park tube, 2.30pm, 23.50 (01-668 4019).

OTHER EVENTS

TRINIDAD CARNEYAL: For children

Galleries, Kensington High St, London W8 (01-603 4535). Today 10.45am-3pm, ion 50p.

The Town Hatl, Hove, East Sussex. Today 10am-1.30pm.

DAILY MAIL INTERNATIONAL HOLIDAY SHOW: All aspects of holidaya and travel in the UK and abroad plus continuous entertainment and refreshments. Earl's Court Exhibition Centre, Warwick

BOOKINGS

by Maya Angelou. From April 11. Piccadilly Theatre, London W1 (01-867

THOMAS VERON SECRET Edinburgh Rediscovered: Photos of Edinburgh from 1857. City Art Centre, Market St, Edinburgh. Ends today.

artists. Broughton House Gallery, 98 King St. Cambridge (0223 314960). Ends today.

David Lee, Walks: Greta Carslaw. Other Events: Judy Froshaug. Bookings: Anne Whitehouse.

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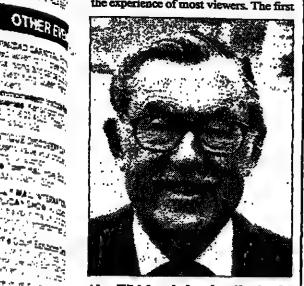
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• Whicker's World (BBC1, 8.10pm) is peopled by the successful, or the very rich, or the amusingly eccentric. The main thing is that they have a good story to tell. Whicker knows that the secret of a successful programme is a good interview and one would guess that 90 per cent of the show is lining up the right subjects. The other ingredient is Whicker himself, crisply blazered, gently scep-tical, not above flattery ("you married Susanna, who is gorgeous") and able to ask mildly personal questions without seeming impertinent. The effect is comfortable and reassuring, presenting a reality that is nevertheless divorced from the experience of most viewers. The first



Alan Whicker: hob-nobs effortlessly with the millionaires (BBC1, 8.10pm)

Whicker's World was made 30 years ago in Hong Kong. For his latest series he has been back. With the approach of 1997 and the spectre of repossession by China, he has had to depart somewhat from the well-oiled grooves. Tonight's opening programme modifies the usual amiability to reflect the angri of a pampered people for whom the party is nearly over. As always, Whicker extracts a veritable barrage of good quotes. This world, at least, is under threat. But switch on next week to programme two and the dreaded Chinese might not exist. Declaring that in Hong Kong "the few poor are not very poor and the rich are rich indeed", Whicker samples the high life. This is more like it. Insignating himself into lunch parties where the caviar is spooned out like trifle. Whicker hob-nobs effortlessly with the millionaires and their bored wives, "Did someone tell me you had 23 Ferraris?," Whicker asks one well-heeled guest. "No, 27 actually".

• Arena (BBC2, 9.30pm) is repeating last season. The Other Graham Greene. Building on Greene's notorious reluctance to appear before the cameras (though we do hear his voice), Nigel Finch allows his imagination to roam in an almost surreal examination of the nature of identity. He is helped by Greene's biographer, Professor Norman Sherry, who contrives to appear no more real than the solicitor, the plumber and the demolition man who all insist that they are the true Graham Greene. The film also goes in search of the double who, Greene insists, is roaming the world pretending to be him. If at the end the novelist remains as elusive as ever, much fun is had along the way.

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6.00 Ceefax 6.30 BBC Breakfast News with Chris Lowe and Jill Dando, includes regular news headlines; business reports; sports bulletins; regional news, weather and travel information; and a look at the

information; and a look at the morning papers with Paul Caltan 8.55 Regional news and weather 9.00 News and weather followed by Open Air. Viewers comment on yesterday's television. To contribute ring 061 814 0424
9.20 Kitroy. Robert Kitroy-Silk chairs a studio discussion on a topical subject 10.00 News and weather followed by Going for Gold (r)
10.25 Children's BBC, presented by Simon Parkin, begins with Playdays 10.50 Rooberts narrated by Richard Briers (r) 10.55 Five to Eleven. Barrie Ingham with a reading

11.00 News and weather followed by
Open Air, introduced by Jayne Irving
and Eamonn Holmes. Includes
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Emmerdale, this morning from Emmerdale Mill where the interior scenes are filmed

12.00 News and weather followed by Daytime Live. Alan Titchmarsh and Judi Spiers are joined by Simon Potter with the latest news and gossip and by Zandra Rhodes who gives a guided tour of her garden 12.55 Regional news and weather

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1.00 One O'Clock News with Michael
Buerk. Weather 1.30 Neighbours.
Harold is forced to swallow his
pride and apologize to Joe; and Todd
finds things are becoming difficult
with Skinner. (Ceefax)
1.50 Film: The Devil at 4 O'Clock
(1961) starring Spencer Trace and

(1961) starring Spencer Tracy and Frank Sinatra. Adventure about a group of convicts who help leper children from a missionary hospital escape a volcanic eruption on a Pacific island. With Jean-Pierre Aumont. Directed by Mervyn

3.50 is That a Fact? A look at the Is That a Fact? A look at the legand surrounding the Triangular Lodge in Northamptonshire 4.95 Bananasan investigates the Harbour of Lost Ships (r) 4.10 Jacksnory. Rory McGrath with the story of Mad Jan Ironsides of Boggarts End, by Martin Riley 4.25 New Yogi Bear Show 4.35 Coppers and Costarring David Copperfield (r) Newworld Extra. Helen Rollason reports on a scheme initiated by the Royal Ballet in which schools around the country can "adopt" a dancer. The programme includes

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Opera House \$1.10 Grange Hill.
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2.00 Campion: Dencers in Mourning,
part two, influenced by his feelings
for Linda Sutane, Campion
refuses to believe the evidence
against her husband and continues trying to clear his name. But when another murder occurs,

Sutune's innocency becomes impossible to sustain. Starring Peter Davison, Brian Glover, Pippa. Guard and lan Ogivy. (Ceefax) 10.25 Film: The Dirty Dozen (1971) starring Lee Marvin, Telly Savales, Charles Bronson and Dovald Sutherland. Second World War adventure about 12 criminal Gingieners. They are selected from a prisoners. They are selected from a group of volunteers to carry out a crucial but suicidal mission to destroy a French chateau used as a resting camp for top German officers. Directed by Robert Aldrich.

ITV/LONDON 2

6.00 TV-am begins with News and
Good Morning Britain presented by
Richard Keys and, from 7.00, by
Mike Morris and Lorraine Kelly. With
news at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00,
B.30 and 9.00. After Nine includes
Russoil Grant with his sunsigns
9.25 Lucky Ledders. Word association
game 9.55 Thames News and
weather

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10.00 The Time . . . The Place . . . A
topical discussion under the
chairmanship of Mike Scott

10.40 This Morning. Magazine series
presented by Judy Finnigan and
Richard Madeley. Today's edition
includes features on personal
grooming pat ears and grooming: pet care; and gardening. With national and international news at 10.55 and regional news at 11.55 followed by national weather

12.10 Rainbow. Learning with puppets
12.30 Home and Away. Carly is
delighted with her new counsellor
and Donald deliberates over Morag's

1.00 News at One with John Suchet. Weather 1.20 Thames News and weather

1.30 it's a Vet's Life. John Baxter 1.30 It's a Vet's Life. John Baxter meets pet psychiatrist, Roger Mugford, and Anna Walker visits Chester Zoo and does the rounds with their vet, Mr Lyon 2.00 The Bill, Omnibus edition (r) 3.00 Win, Lose or Draw. Celebrity game show hosted by Danny Baker 3.25 Themas News and weather 3.30 Sons and Daughters. Michelle shows her true colours

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4.00 Utterly Bufflight firstrument maker
David Savyer illustrates how to turn
a roll of cling film into a flute and a hosepipe into a trumpet 4.20 Round the Band. Last in the series 4.45

Palace Hill. Last in the comedy series 5.10 Home and Away (r) 5.40 News with Fiona Armstrong.

S.55 Crime Monthly Preview
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5.00 Six O'Clock Live includes a
progress report on 13-month-old
Fyodor from Russia who this week received a vital heart operation at Great Ormond Street Hospital

at Great Ormond Street Hospital
7.00 Concentration. Game show
hosted by Bob Carolgees
7.20 Coronation Street. Alma
Sedgewick has to decide where her
loyalties lie. (Oracle)
8.00 Surprise, Surprise, Cilla Black
with a new series of the show that

springs surprises on people all over the UK — and in the audience

1.00 The Charmer Cores, The Tempter starring Nigel Havers, Bernard Hepton and Fions semarc repron and Fona Fullerton. The "Charmer" is Raiph Ernest Gorse, a minor public schoolboy, social climber and seducer of women, who is forever seeking the main chance. The story begins in September 1938 when Gorse, down to his last few pounds and one good suit, meets and sets out to hook a colonel's widow Joan Plumisigh-Bruce (r). (Oracle) 10.00 News at Ten with Sandy Gall and

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10.40 Grime Monthly. Paul Ross
warmines recent crimes which have
been committed throughout London and the South East, in particular a comman who has awindled American women out of thousands of pounds

11.60 Beauty and the Beast China Moon. When an attractive girl from Moon. When an attractive girl from Chinatown attempts to avoid an arranged marriage to the grandson of a powerful Tong leader, vincent and Catherine help her and her boyfriend escape underground 12-35am thamed. with Children. Al and Peggy go away for a romantic weekend, leaving Marcy and Steve to baby-sit for Kelty and Bud 1.00 The James Whale Radio Show.

James Whale Investigates another

topical issue with studio guests and viewers who can join in by ringing 0532 461000. Followed by News headlines

2.00 CinemAthractions. The United States's top box office films of the

The Fall Gary: Familie Familie.
Howie goes undercover as a female impersonator to protect a witness who is hiding from a killer (r) who is hiding from a killer (f)
3.30 Ski Tips. Advice from the experts.
4.00 Ski World. A where to go, what to
do and what to wear guide to skiing
and ski resorts. Followed by
News headlines
1.30 Crurade in Europe (b/w).
Rommel's desert campaign
5.00 ITN Morning News with Phil
Roman. Ends at 6.00

BBC 2

6.45 Open University: Measuring the Earth and the Moon 7.10 Close 9.00 News 13.15 West 9.00 Ceefax

9.15 Daytime on Two: science for the 5 Daytime on Two: science for the young 9.45 Art and design 10.05 Learning to read 10.25 Meking a television studio programme 10.45 A children's story 11.03 Music: using the voice 11.25 Maths 11.40 Fruits of the sea 12.00 Spanish for beginners 12.15 Vandalism 12.45 Abusive language 1.20 Chris and Crumble 1.40 Waltus 10 News and weather followed by a series for the very young 2.15 Open

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University: Weekend Preview
2-20 Sport on Friday. Hockey: England
v Spain in the World Cup: Football: a
praview of the FA Cup fifth round;
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internationals assessed. Includes
new and weather if 3-00 and 3-50
4-00 Raily Challenge. Fifth and final
round of the Mobil 1 Rally Challenge
4-30 Behind the Headlines with Kathy
Lette.

5.00 Clean State. Why, when women make up 80 per cent of primary and nursery teachers, do so few of them go on to become headteachers?

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5.30 Food and brink (r)

6.00 Film: Carry On Nurse (1959, b/w) starring Kenneth Williams. Comedy set in the men's surgical ward of a general hospital. Directed by Gerald Thomas

7.30 Visions. Sir Clive Sindair talks about his career. (London only)

8.00 Public Eye: The Nuclear Obsession — Time for an Energy Alternative? A look at why Britain, with its commitment to

Britain, with its commitment to nuclear power, is falling behind other countries which are discovert

other countries which are discover less costly and more ecologically sound sources of energy 8.30 Gardeners' World. The first of a new series 9.00 Colin's Sandwich. Cornedy series starring Mel Smith. (Ceefax) 9.30 Arene: The Other Grahum Graene.

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12.60 The Personent Programme
12.30 Business Daily. Financial and business news service
1.00 Sessine Street
2.00 Tourism The Webcome Busines

Open College course examining the tourist industry. (Oracle)
2.30 North and South, Book II. Drama

Boston bar. (Oracle)

3.30 World of Harbs. This final programme of the series examines aromatherapy (Oracle)

10.00 Whose Line is it Anyway? More

serial set during the American Civil War (r)
4.15 Movie Museum (b/w). Mabel's
Strategy (1913) Keystone comedy
with Mabel Normand. Followed by
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4.30 Countries with John Starting Licille Ball
5.30 Information Technology, Building computers that can listen (r)
6.00 Scott. Last in the lood series presented by Dawn French (r)
6.30 Mork and Mindy. Comedy starring Pam Dawber and Robin Williams
7.00 Charmal 4 News with Jon Snow and Zeinab Badawi. Weather
7.35 Book Choice. Columnist John Diamond mulews Clifford Stoll's The Cuckoo's Egg. (Oracle)
8.00 The Great Moghala. Bamber Gascoigne visits Akbar's palace city at Fatehpur Sikri
8.30 Walkle Table. Murtel Gray in conversation with Professor James Lovelock, a scientist and originator of the Gala Theory
9.00 Cheers. Comedy series set in a Boston bar. (Oracle)

10.00 Whose Line is it Anyway? More improvised comedy from John Sessions, Josie Lawrence, Tony Slattery and Greg Proops
10.30 Cne Hour with Jonatham Ross. Among the guests are Rick Morannis, Queen Bee, Peter Elliot, Julie Cruise and Billy Boy
11.30 Film: Suburbia (1983) starring Bill Coyne. Drama about runaway teenage punks in an abandoned Los Angeles house. Directed by Punelope Sphearis
1.15am Film: Kitchen Sink (1989), A wife faces a waste disposal nightmare. Directed by Allson Macham. Ends at 1.35

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From 8.00mm The Shopping Channel
2.00pm Breaker Morant (1979): Three
members of an Australian platoon during the
Boar War are court-martialled for murder
4.00 Asterix in Britain (1986): Animated

6.00 Pals (1987): Don Ameche and George C. Scott come across a suitcase of George C. Scott come across a suitcase
Mafia drug money
7.40 Emerceliment Tonight
8.00 Anna (1987): Sally Kirkland as a
Czech immigrant who finds it difficult to
adapt to life in New York
9.40 At the Pictures: Cinema releases
10.00 Deadly Pursuit (1988): Sidney
Poitier and Tom Berenger pursue a
psychotic killer into the Canadian
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11.45 Outrageous Fortune (1987): Bette Midler and Shelley Long discover they have been cheated by the same man 1.30mm & Denth in California — Part Two (1985): Concluding the true story of a woman who becomes involved with a same phase this programs with Chend I add psychopathic murderer. With Cheryl Ladd 4.00 Table for Five (1983); A divorced father (Jon Voight) battles for the custody of his three children. Ends at \$4.555ms

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5.00am Morgasmagazin 5.35 News in German: Headlines in English and French 5.47 Sports News 5.50 Financial News 5.55 Weather and Travel News 6.00 Newsdeak 6.20 Londres Mathr 7.00 World News 7.09 24 Hours: News Summery and Financial News 7.09 Estain Europe. The Fight from Communism 8.00 World News 9.00 World News 9.00 Howles 9.

6.85am Weather and News Headines
7.00 Morning Concert: Bach
(Partita No 1 in 8 flat:
Tatyara Nikolayeva, piano);
und, urr Patterion (i
Couldn't Hear Nobody Pray;
Ambrosian Singers under
Walls Patterson)

7.30 News
7.35 Morning Concert (cont):
Messisen (Théme et
Variations: Elizabeth Perry,
violin, Yitkin Seow, pisno);
Dvořák (Legends, Op 59:
Bamberg SO under Jarvi) 8.35 Composers of the Week: Shoriakovich — Composers of the Week:
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Moscow State Chorel
School; RSPSR Academic
Russian Cholr; Moscow
Philhermonic SC under
Alexander Yurtow); Rayok —
a satirical cantata (Members
of the Choral Aris Society of
Washington under Mstislav
Rostropovich, plano, with
Jonathan Deutsch, Eric
Halverson, Julian Rodescu
and Andrew Wentzel,
basses)

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9.35 The Apotheosis of the Dance: Wagner described Beartown's Swenth Symphony as such, and it is the centreplece of this programme. Recently recorded by the London Classical Players under Roger Norrington. Other dence music in the programme includes programme includes Rachmaninov's Symphonic Dances in his version for two pianos, Ravel's La Valse, and Valses nobles et sentimentales, and dances by Britten, Gluck, Rameau

and Tippatt 12.00 Ulster Orchestra under Distor Orchestra Under Nicholas Cleobury performs Wagner (Overture, The Fiving Dutchman); Mahler (Elumine); Brahms (Symphony No 3) 1.00pm News 1.05 Chamber Music from Manchester: Live from

Manchester: Live from Studio 7. Allegri String Quartet performs Haydin (Quartet in E flat, Op 78 No 6); Elgar (Quartet in E minor)

2.05 Daniel Jones Symphonies: BBC Wielah SO under Bryden Thomson performs Lyadov (The Enchanted Lake, Op 62); Jones (Symphony No 6) (Symphony No 6)
2.45 Tales from the Alhambra: Emity Van Evera, soprano. Emily Yan Evera, soprano, Nancy Hadden, flute/recorder/crumhorn, Erin Headley, viola da gamba/fiddle, Paul Chateauneuf, vihuela/guitar, Andrew Lawrence-King,

RADIO 3

herp/psaltery, perform songs, dances and fantacies from the Spanish Empire by Encine,
Fuenilana, Escobar and
Gloven Tomaso of Malo.
Circa 1500 (r)

3.45 Petrushka on the Piano:
Nomura-Keuschnig Duo
perform Stravinsky's own
arrangement for two pianos
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(r)
4.25 Orpheus Chumber
Orchestra, with Devid
Singer, clarinet, perform Sager, Carnier, performs Mozart (Symphony No 33 in B flat, K 319); Copland (Clarinet Concerno); Elgar (Serenade for Strings); Stravinsky (Dumbarton Daks) (r) 8.45 Back to the Defts: In his

final programme on the traditional jazz revival in Britain, Alyn Shipton concentrates on the carrier of drummer Barry Martyn 8.15 The Works with David Owen 7.00 News 7.05 Third Ear: Or Judim Collins In conversation with artist Veterie Thornton whose exhibition of new prints and valerie Thormon whose exhibition of new prints and paintings is on show as the Albemarie Gallery, London Tretwork: Live from Studio 1, Pebble Mill. Paul Nicholaon, organ, plays William Lawes (Consort suite a 6 for the biolis No 5 to E-purceil (Emissates in

in F); Purcell (Fantazias in three parts: No 1 in D minor; No 2 in F; in four parts: No 7 No 2 in F; in four parts: No 7 in C minor; No 8 in D minor; in five parts upon one note in F; in nomines in six parts in G minor, in seven parts in G minor a 10 Aluc McCower reads from John Donne's unfinished poem "Metempsychosis" or "The Progresse of the Soule" 8.30 Lawes (Pavan and two airs with divisions for organ and two bass viols in G manor); Purcell (Fantazias In four parts: No 5 in B flet; No 11 in G; Voluntary for organ to the pares. No 5 th 5 her; No 11 in G; Voluntary for organ in D minor); Lawes (Consort suite for the violis a 6 No 1 in C minor)

9.30 The Friday Play: The False Servant, by Marivaux, translated by Michael Sadier. In 18th century sader. In Tourcemary
France, a rich Parisienne,
dressed as a man, has been
escorted by her fiance to a
country chateau. With Janet
McTear as Chevaller, Tim McInnerny as Letio and Imogen Stubbs as the Countess Countess
11.00 Composers of the Week:
Haydn — Music of the 1780s

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12.00 News; You and Yours with John Howard.

12.23 on The Food Programms, with Derek Cooper 12.55

Whather 1.00 The World at One with Nick Clarks 1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast
2.00 News: Woman's Hour:
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News from the first of the wish to return to work after having a family. National helpline open from 11am-5pm (0600 100 900)

matters of the mind (r)
4.35 Kaleidoscope: Presented by Paul Vaughan. Kate

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RADIO 4

Lawley with conductor Michael Tilson Thomas (a)

10.46 Feedback Civis Durkley
airs issues and viewers'
comments on BicC
programmes and policy
10.60 News; Special Assignment
10.30 Morning Story: Mrs
Lamond's Lament, by Wilma
Coghill. Read by Elaine
C. Smith
10.45 Daily Service (s)
11.00 News; Analysis: The Sins of
Wages. David Walker
assesses the units of the
economy in the light of
Government warnings about
the danger of excessive pay
increases (r)
11.47 Enquire Within: Dilly Barlow
discovers how long sugar

discovers how long sugar has been used for jam-making and why the sea is

regional conferences in the "Back to the Future" initiative run in conjunction with the Department of Employment, Includes help and advice for women who

3.00 News; Classic Serial: That Hideous Strength, by C.S. Lewis. Four-pert tramanization by Stephen Malistratt (3) (s) 4.00 News 4.05 All in the Minch Professo Anthony Clare with the magazine devoted to

Salinders reviews Bernice Rubens's book Kingdom Come; Polly Toynbee on M Hourt's a Suitcase at the Nourt's a Suitcase at the Royal Court Theatre.
London; and an Interview with artist Sue Taylor, whose Otherteen exhibitions showing at Dundee Art Gallery (s) (r)

5.00 PM with Robert Williams and Frances Coverdele 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather

5.00 Clock News; Financia Report

Report

6.30 Going Places: Clive Jacobs
with travel and transport 7.00 News 7.05 The Archers 7.20 Pick of the Week with

7.20 Pick of the Week with Margaret Howard (s)
8.05 Any Questions? Jonathan Dimbleby in Tunbridge Wess, Kent, with panellists, Eric Forth, MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of the Department of Trade and Industry; Meeve Sheriock, president of Trade and Industry;
Maeve Sheriock, president
of the National Union of
Students; writer and
journalist Janet Daley; and
Dennis Skinner, MP
5-30 Law in Aution: Review of
each profession with Marcel
Berling
9-18 Kalakteener

9.15 Kaleidoscope, Keeping You Distance, Examines the pight of writers in solla and includes interviews with Anthony Sher, Alexander Enlagest the Committee of the Committee of

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9.45 Letter from America by
Alistair Cooke 9.35
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19.60 The World Toright with David Selis (s) 10.45 A Book at Bedjims: Love 10.45 A Book at Sectime: Love
Lessons, by Joan
Wyndham, (final part)
11.00 Week Ending: Satirical
review of the week's news.
With Bill Walife, David Tate,
Sally Grace and John
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(RADIO CHOICE)

Peter Davalle

• Welcoming the re-run (Monday nights, Radio 4) of The Burkiss Way the other day and deploring the current day, and deploring the current state of the half-hour radio comedy generally, I quite forgot about An Actor's Life for Me (Radio 2, 10.30pm), Paul Mayhew-Archer's series about everyday theatrical folk. I wouldn't claim for it that it offers a laugh a minute, or deny that some of its jokes are



Wilson (Radio 2, 10.30pm)

but anyone who knows anything about actors in action will recognize that, give or take the odd loony or two among his dramatis personae, Mayhew-Archer has correctly put his finger on the profession's pulse. Tonight's story again centres on Robert Wilson, victim of all the slings and arrows that outrageous theatrical fortune can loose off. Since the play being staged is Macbeth, which few actors dare to name for fear of being struck down by its traditional curse, Wilson (endearingly played by John Gordon-Sinclair) is buffeted even more than usual. If the drama critic of The Independent is in a whimsical mood, he might be provoked into writing | Id., Carobi Moss. 17 London

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The world of 'snaps' loses a legend







Norman Parkinson, the photographer and his subjects: the Princess Royal, centre; a Vogue model, right; and the Queen Mother with her daughters, the Queen and Princess Margaret.

Key probation officers criticize reforms plan

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

service since it was set up is a strongly local service came under attack last night rooted in the lives of people from chief probation officers and communities." and the service's rank and file.

service being replaced with a Accent on control. new, national organization for England and Wales, were the aim of ensuring that the described as "unworkable" by probation service effectively the National Association for implements the Govern-Probation Officers. Criticism ment's new criminal justice

Home Office plans published Probation. It said there was no yesterday for the biggest need to replace the locally shake-up of the probation organized service. "Probation

At the heart of yesterday's The plans, which could lead Home Office Green Paper is

also came from the Associ-ation of Chief Officers of in the community.

By Liz Smith, Fashion Editor

It was typical of Norman Parkinson that he was accouring remote locations in Borneo in search of the perfect setting for a fashion spread when he fell ill.

Britain's foremost and unpch-loved fashion and portrait photographer who bas died in Singapore was on assign for Town and Country. To create his celebrated, vibrant, spontaneous-looking fashion "snaps", as he called them, nothing was left to chance.

Whether it involved preparing uniform blue satin capes which he then produced in triplicate for the famous portrait of the the Queen and Princess Margaret, or transporting a mock stone plinth to Moscow to turn Jerry Hall into a

ent, his talent was to surprise. Everyone who knew him called him Parks. Only Wenda, his wife of 40 years, who died in October 1987, called him by his name, Ronald. The "Norman" was a legacy from his first venture as a professional photographer, when he, and a fellow apprentice, Norman Kibblewhite, set up the Norman Parkinson portrait studio in Dover Street in 1934. rather raffish load tweeds or a loose Indian tunic worn with a wide belt, had

Obituary.

stablished himself as a sharp observer of style and a unique technician.

himself a pig farmer, which indeed he was in a small way at his home at Tobago, in the Caribbean.

Every sitter however famous indeed Royal - lost all inhibitions when faced by Parks, clowning behind his camera to demonstrate a pose and wearing his famous kashmiri beeded capHe insisted his pictures would not come out if the beeded cap was not in place. Sometimes two caps were worn when a new one was being trained. "The gremlins living between the lens and the film can spoil your best efforts, you He admitted to being superstitions about other matters too. He was particu-

larly shattered when four weeks to the day after the death of his wife the house they had built together in Tobago burnt down, destroying everything he had

Parks preferred photographing real people, not models. "They give more to

Photographers paid tribute yesterday, Terence Donovan who like Parks, has taken many recent royal portraits, said there was a high energy level in Parkinson's pictures that nobody else could copy, while David Bailey said: "The photographic world has lost a great

Political sketch

Choosing between Right and wrong

Portsmouth, lost the sailors'

"Any proposal to reduce the age of consent for hoh-moh-sex-ewells" he told the Prime Minister, "would be unacceptable and ..." - here Mr Martin, who looks a clean-living and serious-minded fellow, paused, searching for words which adequately reflected the depth of his horror — "and ...
utterly ... crackers!"

Across the floor, Tony Banks (Newham NE) peered cheekily up from his notes. "Give us a kiss!" he shouted. Mrs Thatcher agreed -with Mr Martin, not Mr

Banks. This, she felt, would give "totally the wrong signais" to young people.

Surely the Prime Minister is right! The purpose of an "age of consent" is to make sure people are old enough to

know what they are doing. Were there, for instance, an age (or height) below which you were not permitted to be a sports minister, our young Colin Moyniban could not have been corrupted, by a much older woman, into unspeakable aberrations involving plastic cards and steel turnstiles. Little Colin may never recover from this horrific interlude - though to her, of course, it was just another "affair", one of many, easily forgotten.

Young people can very easily become "fixed" in a pattern of behaviour, if thrust upon them too early and before personality is fully formed. I have some evidence of a personal nature to

In the late 60s, when I was 19 and at Cambridge University, the Government changed the law. There was opposition to this reform from many Conservatives, but it attracted better support from Labour and was carried. So one morning - quite unexpectedly - I found I was entitled to vote.

But was I ready for de-cisions like this? Who knows? All I know is that a much older boy, a stranger, wearing a blue rosette, came round and talked me into being a Conservative. He explained that I always had been, really, underneath. His name was Keith Raffan, he was chairman of "Pressure for Eco-

Yesterday, Mr David Martin, nomic and Social Torvism".

a young Conservative MP for He has since become MP for

Later that term I sneaked out and voted Conservative. After that I found myself looking for more opportunities to do so. I found it hard to raise interest in any other party. I voted Conservative again and again. I even voted for Mr Heath! Three times!

I have often wondered whether, had I been sheltered from Mr Raffan and allowed to develop politically at my own pace, my life would have gone the way it subsequently has. I will never know.

And, while confessing ignorance, may I mention some problems with economics? Before PM's Questions yesterday, came Treasury Questions. The Chancellor's answer to Ian Stewart (C. Herts N) was deeply perplexing. Including the cost of mortgage repayments in the Retail Price Index (as we do), said Mr Major, made the RPI "an inaccurate measure".

Of what? And why? Mr Major's argument seems to be that interest-rate hikes are part of the medicine so, though they temporarily exacerbate the disease, should not be included among its symptoms. As this newspaper's leader columns pointed out on the same day, higher mortage costs "leave less money available to consumers" and therefore "cannot be amiss in the fight against inflation".

So do higher Heinz beans costs. Could it be that all price-increases are helpful in the fight against inflation? Perhaps the economists could enlighten us?

Or could it be that Mr Major relies on the other argument advanced in that Leader - that this "statistical" increase will be reversed as rates come down?

But so will myriad other price-increases caused by the higher interest-rates industry pays, so perhaps they should be excluded too? The right conclusion to this argument seems to be that all price increases should be excluded from the RPI. But - on yesterday's evidence - the Chancellor was not thinking along such bold lines.

NEW COLUMN

Matthew Parris

Mandela rebukes UK

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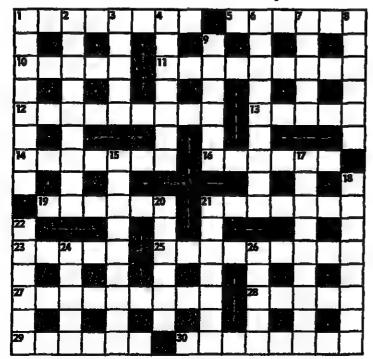
ANC's commitment to continue the armed struggle until the state of emergency was lifted and all political prisoners freed. He emphasized

because the conditions for dress the imbalances between

In Strasbourg, fewer than a Mr Mandela reiterated the third of Britain's 32-strong contingent of Conservative MEPs voted on the South African resolution.

Gift car: Mercedes Benz of South Africa said yesterday that the ANC's policy of natthat it is to present Mi
ionalization of key sectors of Mandela with one of its cars. that it is to present Mr

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- 5 Ban bird of passage (6). 10 Drop a note (5).
- 12 Drowsy, left the cigar to go out 13 Acclaim last of The Times collection sent back (5).
- 14 Leeward, sailors say, tempted them so (7). 16 Jostles and bends (6). 19 Reserve to take part (6).
- 21 Chap getting on red, lost after a break (7). 23 Stage has to summon the muse
- 25 Where opera is produced in two

Concise crossword, page 18

The solution to the Eliminator Puzzle No 18,218 will appear next Thursday

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11 Buys layer, perhaps, from here? 29 Medicine not available for this lumpy condition (6). 30 Rev up? (3-5).

- Desert driver who has brawl in saloon (8). 2 Card game of the majority in France (5-2-2).
- 3 Dance of spirit, to some degree Pan, or attack, the deity (4-3). Home of some natives could be-come cultured (6-3). Frank is so dull (5).
- 8 Insect knowing to follow light (3-3). Home of monster in church-bell in Paris (6). 15 Blue-flowered shrub needs sun to each process (9).
- 20 Not the genuine article from bankers at Zurich (6). 21 A piece of Turkish delight? (7). 22 Wounded sailor in the hold (6). 24 Prize for notice that contains
- hostility (5). 26 Wife needs assistance to give

WORD-WATCHING Dy Philip Lloward ACCIPITRINE

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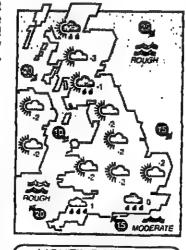
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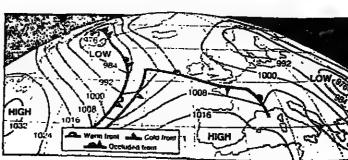
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Market report, page 26

Barclays to

peg rate
Barclays Bank is to hold its mortgage rate until May 1, despite the 0.9 point rise to a record 15.4 per cent by Abbey National on Wednesday. The building societies were waiting for the Halifax, the biggest, to increase its rate first. The bank said it was pegging its standard mortgage rate at 14.75 per cent unless bank base rates rose in the next two and a half

More rises due, page 23 Amstrad drops

Amstrad, Mr Alan Sugar's computer and electronics company, surprised the City with pre-tax profits higher than expected, although at 230.1 million for the six months to end-December they were down from £75.3 million. The interim dividend is held at 0.4p. Turnover grew from £348.8 million to £373.7 million. Margins were eroded by the need to move stock at zero margins or even at a loss reflecting piles of unsold Теприя, раде 22

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Cash crisis imminent at Channel Tunnel

By John Bell, City Editor

The £7.2 billion Channel Tunnel project is just days away from running out of cash after a refusal by Transmanche Link, the construction consortium, to accept proposed management changes at Eurotunnel. TML has not yet signed the agreement concuded last month in outline which the 208 banks require before they will release further eash.

"As a result of TML's refusal to complete the neccessary agreements drawdown (of further funds) is not possible," said Eurotunnel yesterday. At the beginning of January, Eurotunnel had about £50 million of cash resources available. It has since made a £40 million payment to TML and the remain-

der will last less than two weeks. TML, which is forbidden to make statements to the press under the terms of its contract, is understood to want Mr Alastair Morton, the British co-chairman, removed from day to day involvement with the construction project. He was named deputy chairman and chief executive in a top management

reshuffle announced yesterday. Eurotunnel said that as part of its management changes under which co-chairman Morton becomes deputy chairman and chief executive, M Andre Benard, the other co-chairman, will become sole chairman. Other changes include

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naming five new managing direc-tors. One is Mr Alastair Fleming, head of projects for British Petroleum Exploration Europe, who fills the new post of director of construction for Eurotennel.

TML is said to be furious that Mr Morton has taken over as chief executive of the group. Sources close to the consortium say that the act was provocative and not designed to promote harmony be-tween the two companies. New bank financing arced in January

was supposed to tide Eurotunnel over until May But it hinged on signature of the agreement between Eurotungel and TML. Eurotungel maintains in its statement that the project is still "robust" and adds that it hopes the current differences will be resolved and the project completed on schedule by mid-

June 1993. Eurotuanel's bankers had stipulated that they would not free a portion of a £5 billion credit line frozen in October unless differences over project costs and an agreement on cost overruns was reached with TML "TML hasn't yet signed certain documents and has informed the agent banks and Eurotunnel that it isn't yet willing to do so," Eurotunnel said. It added that Transmanche Link said this week that it is dissatisfied with management changes Eurotunnel plans as part of its agreement with TML

Sources close to TML believe that the impasse can only be resolved if Eurotunnel gives assur-ances that the newly-formed project management team under Dr Tony Ridley is given sufficient authority to negotiate in a binding way with the contractors.

Eurotunnel's shares fell 21p to 563p on the London Stock Exchange yesterday. Analysts said the news raises fears that bankers will pull away from the project rather than open up further funding. When the banks moved last year to freeze Eurotunnel's initial credit line because of escalating project cost estimates, less than £900 million had been drawn down. Eurotunnel confirmed reports that TML relaunched efforts in a French court to force Eurotunnel to pay £40 million of arrears. Its court action was suspended before the January 10 cost-control agreement reached after the French court urged the parties to negotiate a

Bank steps in after Drexel put in default

By Colin Narbrough

bert Ltd, part of the US junk bonds house which filed for chapter 11 bankruptcy protection earlier this week, was declared in default yesterday on the London futures exchanges, where it has been a leading player.

The London Clearing House, which guarantees con-tracts for the futures and options markets, declared Drexei Burnham Lambert Ltd in default and was winding down its positions on futures markets and the London Metal Exchange.

Drexel's British operations were its largest outside the US and it has been a big player on London's futures and options exchanges, and to a lesser extent, the foreign exchange and in bullion.
City institutions, including the Bank of England, stepped

in to sort out the fall-out in the Loudon financial markets. No figure was put on Drexel transactions in Britain, but its 377-strong City staff points to big-volume business. The risk to members of the British exchanges on which Drexel has operated is believed to be

negligible. The position of its clients is less clear. The Bank of England said it would provide payments assistance to the counterparties to Drexel Burnham Lambert Trading Ltd, in order to ease the settlement of outstanding

Drexel Burnham Lam- Drexel's bullion business is the LCH was acting to close unaffected.

The counterparties may make payments due under contracts with Drexel Burnham, up to and including yesterday, to the Bank. These will only be released to Drezel when the bank receives satisfactory evidence the countervalue has been received.

If the Bank is not satisfied, the funds will be returned to the payer. The Bank's move was intended to reinforce confidence by ensuring that funds are safe. The Association of Futures

Brokers and Dealers meanwhile intervened to prevent Drexel Burnham Lambert Ltd from entering into investment deals, unless authorized by the AFBD's chief executive. The company is also barred from transferring clients' as-

sets to any person without consent, or disposing of or dealing with its own assets without consent. The £150 million guarantee fund is not believed to be under threat, and potential

losses to Drexel's futures and options clients are not expected to amount to more than a few million pounds. A Drexel spokeswoman said the company's bullion The self-regulatory organiza and foreign exchange activ-

declaration. Mr David Hardy, the LCH managing director, said in the ory structure to increase effecforeign exchange contracts. interests of an orderly market, tiveness and contain costs.

out open positions held by Drexel. "Our primary obliga-tion is to wind down the posit-ions held by Drexel Burnham Lambert Ltd. In conjunction with Drexel's customers we will attempt to arrange the transfer of their positions to another clearing house member. Where positions are not transferred our duty will be to liquidate the position in the

most appropriate manner." He underlined that LCH was "totally satisfied" that the default of Drexel Burnham Lambert Ltd would not adversely affect the LCH's financial position and that the guarantor body had facilitated the "orderly winding down" of Drexel's portfolio position.
The London International

Financial Futures Exchange said Drexel's remaining positions on the Liffe market were "negligible" and were ex-pected to be dealt with by way of transfer to other members or liquidated by market trasactions "without any dis-

ruption to the market." The AFBD and The Securities Association have decided to consider closer collaborate and administrative efficiency tions underlined that this did Burnham Lambert Trading, Mr Christopher Sharples, were unaffected by the LCH AFBD chairman, said there was a pressing need for some

rationalization of the regulat-

Crest serves double property profit | Success on



Doubled profits from commercial property lped lift pre-tax profits by £1 million at Crest Nicholson - the house building to En-tout-cas tennis court group, to £37.1 million in the year to October. But a warning about this year's profits from Mr Roger Lewis, chief executive,

yesterday, knocked 30p off the shares to 160p. This week's mortgage rate rise has heightened uncertainty about the housebuilding division, which contributed £17.3 million last year. Despite this, the dividend stays at 4.65p,

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making 7.65p a share (7.15p).

Tempes, page 22 3.7 per cent from 3.3 per cent.

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INTERFLIGHT

jobless will be short-lived'

By Our Economics Correspondent

The latest labour market figures provided some en-couragement for the Government on employment and earnings, but many City economists fear it can only be short-lived as the economic slowdown continues and pay pressures persist.

Continuing to defy expectations of an end to the three-and-a-half year decline in joblessness, seasonally-adjus-ted unemployment fell by a further 23,200 to 1,611,400 last month, or 5.7 per cent of the workforce - the lowest since October 1980.

The unadjusted total rose by 48,068 to 1,687,000 - the biggest January rise for three years. But the underlying adjusted trend points to a monthly fall in unemployment of 20,000 to 25,000.

This continued tightening of labour market, despite the slowdown, suggests companies are hoarding labour in an attempt to beat the skills shortage and demographic

Analysts were particularly encouraged by the drop in overtime and bonuses in December that helped contain the effect of higher pay deals.

Underlying average earnings for the whole economy rose a seasonally adjusted 9.25 per cent in the year to De ber, steady on the annual rate of the previous two months.

Some forecasters had been expecting recent high pay settlements to start boosting the average carnings series.

Manufacturing industry's unit wage costs in the three months to December showed the annual rise slowing to 4.5 per cent from 5.2 per cent in the three months to November. Output per head rose to

BP chief sees \$25 | Lady Joseph quits oil by mid-1990s

By Michael Tate, Deputy City Editor

chairman of British Petroeum, said yesterday that he would not be surprised to see an oil price of around \$25 a barrel by the mid-1990s."

Sir Peter said he saw an upward trend in the long-term

profit on its oil stocks, which helped lift group profits for the year by 44 per cent from £1.21 billion to £1.74 billion.

a £390 million extraordinary profit on the sale of the bulk of its mineral and coal interests. A further £1.5 billion will be realized from disposals this

crude oil rose by \$3.32 a barrel, to \$18.24.

The higher price left BP with a £383 million windfall

year, as the rest of coal and mineral interests are divested.

Sir Peter Walters, outgoing More property sales are also Sir Peter said 1989 had been

a "very gratifying year" with earnings up from 20p a share to 31.8p. A final dividend of During 1989, North Sea 3.95p lifts the year's total payment to 14.9p (13.5p). Sir Peter forecast that

production over the next five years would run at about 1.5 illion barrels a day. Gas would continue to increase as a proportion of the total to account for about 25 per cent. Gearing at year-end was 42 per cent, against 37 per cent last year, and should fall to

In addition, the group took around 38 per cent this year. Commenting on the Monopolies Commission report into petrol pricing. Sir Peter said the industry had been given "a totally clean bill of

Norfolk board

Lady (Eileen) Joseph has re- Good owns a 1 per cent stake signed as a director of Norfolk in the company. Capital, the hotel group. Lady Joseph, widow of Sir Maxwell

owns 7 per cent of the company's shares. She and Mr Anthony Good, her fellow dissident director, stepped down from a board that has been split by internal

Joseph, the group's founder,

As a result of their resigns tions both Lady Joseph and Mr Good are likely to accept the £175 million bid from Queens Moat Houses, the rival hotel group which owns

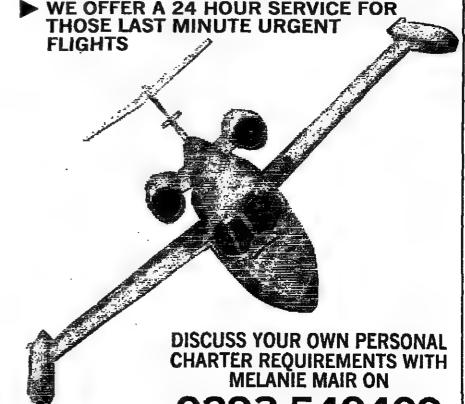
4.5 per cent of Norfolk. However, neither director is thought to be impressed by the terms of the all-paper offer from Queens Moat, and both are likely to postpone a final decision until the bid's closing Tempes, page 16. date in ten days' time. Mr dinary general meeting.

The resignations will allow the Norfolk board - for the first time in months - to present a united front when it shareholders today. Attention is likely to centre on an asset valuation prepared by Jones Lang Wootton, the property

Mr Anthony Richmond Watson, the Norfolk chairman, was delighted by the resolution of the boardroom split. He said: "It is very good news from the company's point of view because the

conflict is now resolved." He believes the boardroom position of Lady Joseph and Mr Good, both non-executive directors, has been untenable since last month's extraor-

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Minority shareholders in Peabody paid total of \$504m

Hanson digs deep into coal mining and now had moved into coal. "We feel

By Colin Campbell

Hanson has moved into coal mining by buying out three minority shareholders in Peabody Holding - the largest coal producer in the United States.

Hanson will pay each of the three shareholders \$168 million, making an overall cash outlay of \$504 million. Hanson, which made the initial approaches to Boeing, Bechtel Investments and Eastern Enterprises for their individual 15.01 per cent stakes, now directly

owns 45.03 per cent of Peabody. It is only outmatched by the long-held 54.97 stake in Peabody owned by Newmont Mining Corporation.

However, through a twist of corporate fate, Hanson jumps into corporate bed with Newmont Mining Corporation as Hanson inherited a 49 per cent stake in Newmont when it took over Consolidated Gold Fields in August, 1989. Because of the ownership structure, Hanson effectively owns nearly 72 per cent of Peabody, which Sir Gordon White -- chairman of Hanson's US arm said was an attractive investment.

In the year ended December, Peabody recorded pre-tax profits of \$136.5 million on sales of \$1.74 billion. Net assets were \$621.9 million. Peabody produced 87 million tons of coal in 1989, equivalent to 9 per cent of all the coal mined in the US, and operates in all the main American coal fields. It has reserves estimated at 8.7 billion tons.

"Over half the electricity produced in the US comes from coal, and it is far more abundant than petroleum," Sir Gordon said.

In London Mr Martin Taylor, Hanson's vice chairman, said Hanson was already in clay for bricks through London Brick, in aggregates for road building through ARC, in gold mining via the US gold interests of ConsGold,

very comfortable in basic industries, Mr Taylor added. The investment implications for Han-

son's long-term goals towards Newmont intrigued analysts last night. It has long been a Hanson habit once having taken over a group to sell off

inherited parts. The sum of the parts sold

invariably has overtaken the initial

outlay for the whole. Certain US assets of ConsGold have already been sold, as have the South African interests which came with the ConsGold takeover.

Market speculation has persisted that

the Australian arm in Renison Goldfields Corporation and the US arm in Newmont Mining would be next on Hanson's selling list. Hanson's closer relationship with Newmont through Peabody sends an-

alysts back to their drawing boards.

Oil price question over BP shares

ever since the oil price began to catch fire, and they could get a further kick from the to be about 38 per cent next prediction of the outgoing chairman, Sir Peter Walters, that it may reach \$25 by the

But at 343p, against 250p less than six months ago, have they come too far?

Strip out the £383 million book profit on its oil stocks arising from the price rise, and the 44 per cent surge in net income is shaved to 9 per cent. If demand continues as buoyant as the company believes, performance of the oil price, stock holding gains will be and given the industry's come a regular feature of the marked historic lack of sucprofit and loss account over cess in predicting its course for the next five years, although not necessarily of the size seen into the future, a little healthy

Downstream, where a rise in the crude price is met with in order. rather less enthusiasm, refining margins are already looking a touch slimmer.

In chemicals, where return on capital hit a frothy 30 per cent in the opening six months, a 20 per cent rise in too high. the naptha price has eaten into

The disposal programme, which contributed £390 million of extraordinaries from below the 1989 line - out of minerals and coals interests continues, and will throw up a further £1.5 billion in 1990. Indeed, £1 billion is already in

BP, which reckons that

clips a point off its gearing expects the debt/equity ratio December, against the current 42 per cent.

A lower-than-expected tax bill this time, at about 20 per cent, has enhanced earnings per share at 31.8p, indicating an historic p/e multiple of 10.9. But it rises to 12.6 if Mr Ian Graham, at County Nat-West WoodMac, is right in forecasting £1.47 billion net income for the current year. Much will depend on the

any reasonable period of time scepticism over some of the projections would seem to be

If the \$25 barrel of oil does arrive before 1995, it is more likely to be cost-driven than demand-driven.

The impression is that BP shares are looking 10 per cent

Amstrad

Amstrad's interim figures represent something of a Houdini act on the part of its the £2.7 billion sale of the sometimes truculent chairman, Mr Alan Sugar, recently heard threatening to take the company private, so great was his dissatisfaction with the

City. Such threats are now behind

should these transactions be

satisfactorily completed.

Meanwhile, the company is

looking at a number of other

possible transactions with a

Last October, JMD shares



Ahead of expectations: Alan Sugar, chairman of Amstrad

him, the shares having ad- admittedly the seasonal lowvanced some 20p from their point for debt, Amstrad low point, up another 2½p to should be cash-neutral, aided 57½p yesterday after half-way by a good Christmas selling 571/p yesterday after half-way profits to end-December came in well ahead of expectations at £30.1 million pre-tax tion last summer meant not against £75.3 million last

Most startling has been the progress on the balance sheet. Borrowings stood at £114 million at the financial yearend. By the end of this month, gins. Inventory levels in September peaked at £335 million, or more than half that year's turnover, but should be down by a third in March. The technical problems that led to the recall of two ranges of business computers last summer are over, and as of this week there is a new management structure, including a much-needed link-

feathers in the City. Amstrad is never again going to be the high-flier it once was. But pre-tax profits of approaching £40 million this year could be followed by £65 million in 1990-91, and some analysts believe the company capable of £90 million in due course.

A prospective earnings mul-tiple of more than 12 times this year will therefore shrink to less than 8 next. Not chean. but undernanding if Mr Sugar is at last back on course.

Crest Nicholson

If the aim of Crest Nicholson is to emerge from the current period of stagnation in better shape than it went in, yes-terday's results look distinctly season — Mr Sugar claims an enough business computers

No more so than at balancesheet level. Gearing of just 11 per cent at the October yearend (perhaps 20 per cent now) is the stuff of boardroom selling them at distress prices dreams. But there is no escapwhich eroded average mar- ing the harsh treatment that

rently meting out.

Construction companies

have grown fat on commercial cent years. Building an office block or parade of shops then selling it to institutions has been profits for old rope.

The problem for everyone, including Crest, is that the institutions have stopped bay-ing property and show no Some £15.3 million of

Crest's £37 million of pre-tax profits last year came from commercial developments, double the year before. Analysts are looking for a £10 million contribution this year, but it could be even less. As for house-building prof-

its, which contributed £17.3 million last year, it is a case of pick your number. Like most developers Crest was experiencing improved demand in the first weeks of this year. This week's rise in mortgage rates might - it is too early to say - have stopped that in its

Analysts are following the

cautions lead of the Crest management and have pencilled in total profits of £20 million or so for the current year. With about 16p of earnings, that puts the shares

- after yesterday's sharp fall - on a p/e of 10. Despite the company's successful diversiflair, in the short term that still

figure, however, included an company and an air charter business, hopes to work with Leurho at improving Ugan-dan tourist facilities, and Ir£1.15 million trading profit. An ir25.76 million extraordinary item transfers leunching package tours.

Lourbo East Africa, the

Lourhe unit in Kenya, has

signed a joint venture agree-

ment with Uganda's Kata-tumba Properties to develop

Uganda's tourist industry.

The Ugandan firm, which owns three hotels, a tour

by 15 Government departments.

Trace logs 10.2% rise Pre-tax profits at Trace Computers, the computer software designer specializing in property management software, which came to the market last June, climbed by 10.2 per cent to £934,000 in the six months to end-November. Tennover was up 25.7 per cent to £5.79 million

Racal in Government

communications plan The Government has asked Racal Electronics to submit detailed plans for a private telecommunications network which could bring savings of up to £100 million a year. Racal already operates a private data network which is being used

for up to 409,000 mers within Government departments. It could bring Racal revenue of more than £1 billion over the

next 10 years and, analysis estimate, a pre-interest profit of

sext to years and, analysts estimate, a pre-interest profit of £100 million a year at the end of the 10 year period. The existing private telephone system which links 700 official buildings would become a part of the new system. Racal Electronics shares rose 7p to 231p on the news.

Lonrho signs Green shrugs

Ugandan deal off charges

The system would combine voice and data com

Net interest payments came to £39,000, compared with last time's £40,000 positive balance. Earnings per share slip from 4.97p to 4.78p. There is an interim dividend of 0.55p. Mr Robert Carefull, the chairman, said all the divisions of Trace (Computer Holdings), the group's principal subsidiary, have continued to trade at a satisfactory level.

Whitegate Leisure, Mr Nick Oppenheim's Third Market discothèque and bewling group, where the Australian Fairfax family has a 5.3 per cent interest, has exchanged contracts to purchase two contracts to purchase two more discotherers for a total of £1.13 million to ceah. The company is boying the Moslin Rouge Discothere and the Montmatre Night Club in Chamoticki. The shares were unchanged at 37p.

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Wheway, the environmental control and engineering products group, has sold Wheway Becker, the 50 per cent-owned Walsall com-pany, which makes chains for the mining industry, to FKI, the electrical products group, for £600,000. Whe-way's share of Wheway Becker's pre-tex profit in the year to end September was nil, on a total turnover of 27.1

Photo-Me at £8.83m

Photo-Me International, the world's biggest photographic booth manufacturer and operator, has boosted its interior from 6.6p to 1.2p. The company, which is planning a move into East Germany and possibly expanding into the Soviet Union, China and India, reports a 9 per cent rise in profit before tax and depreciation of £12.8 million.

Turnever was up just 4 per cent to £52.1 million in the six mouths to end-October, and after £4 million of depreciation charges, interim pre-tax profits stood at £8.83 million (£8.72 million). Earnings per share were up from 8.19p to 8.57p.

JMD shares drop as bid talks fail

JMD Group, the USM greet-ing cards to fluffy toys group, been completed." ing cards to fluffy toys group, said that the talks which had Mr Moss added that the been taking place since it received a bid last October, board of JMD may consider re-examining the proposals

the talks were with Southwest Mr Keith Moss, the chief executive of JMD, said the group has decided bid talks should be formally terminated the group's operations. in view of the considerable time that has clapsed since the initial announcement on

are off. Speculation was that

October 26.

He added: "Progress was dependent on the completion of certain transactions by the ing JMD at nearer £4 million.

buys stake in Marians

Shares in the highly geared West End property company, Priest Marians, soared 90p to 265p on news that Grovewood Securities had bought a 15 per

cent stake in the company. Grovewood, is the stock market vehicle of Mr David Holland, the man behind the meteoric growth of another West End property company,

view to broadening the base of Mr Holland resigned as chairman of Randsworth last year, shortly before the company was taken over by the American company, JMB Realty at a cost of £258 million. Only three years earhad jumped by 8p to 32p after the announcement was made, lier it had been a plant hire company worth £400,000.

Grovewood Shares in Colonnade halted

uncharacteristic excess of cau-

ere made to meet demand.

Progress has been made

over the huge pile of unsold stocks, even if it has meant

Shares in Colonnade Dev- tional shareholders who were elopment Capital, the investelopment Capital, the invest-unhappy about paying ven-ment trust run by British & ture capital sees for the Commonwealth, were suspended at 165p yesterday because of concerns that a false market had been created

when Stratzgem bought a 25

per cent blocking stake. Stratagem, though quoted, is very small and concerns are centred on whether it had obtained approval of its share-holders for the deal, as requir-

ed by the Stock Exchange. Stratagem launched an £8.2 million bid for Colonnade with the support of certain local authority and institu-

over false market concerns

which is largely held in cash. Colonnade countered with the promise of a capital recon-

struction and eventual liquidation of its portfolio at its book value of 204p, 25 per cent better than Stratagem's 163p cash terms. Stratagem's stake in Colon-

nade is large enough to prevent the capital reconstruction and liquidation from going through, but the shareholders meeting to approve its purchase is not until Tuesday.

Nevertheless, Stratagem has irrevocable undertakings to vote in favour of the appropriate resolution for 51.1 per cent of the equity, so approvalis a formality.

Mr Bernard Ketrison, Stratagem chairman, said: "We are unset at the amount of time and money being spent at shareholders' expense - in making filibustering complaints. There is nothing in this suspension which will change the outcome of the bid. The other side must be deeply holders are voting with their feet."

Gestetner seeks £65m for buy

Gestetner Holdings, the pho- ectively offering shareholders £42.5 million, will be met by Netherlands distributor, has confirmed that it is to seek £65 million from its shareholders to help finance a \$152.2 million

(£90.6 million) acquisition. It is planning to buy the non-US operations of Nashua Corporation, its rival New Hampshire office equipment systems supplier, in an agreed

Gestetner will also take on \$35.3 million (£21.0 million)

The group, which has been revitalized by the Australian management which took con-trol three years ago, is eff-

However, because regulatory approval may take longer in some of the countries where Nashua operates, shareholders will initially receive convertible loan stock, which they will swap for equity when the deal is completed, prob-

ably in July. Because the funds will not be required immediately, the stock will be partly paid.

Only £21 million will be called now, and the balance of £44.2 million will be called once the deal is completed.

Gestetner management, which will pay up the remain-der of its holding of nil-paid

By Michael Tate, Deputy City Editor

convertible stock. The Nashua interest being acquired, which, like Gestet-ner, distributes Ricoh and other equipment, earned profits of \$27.3 million before

interest and tax in 1988. But it expects to report "not

less than \$13.1 million for 1989, on sales of \$400

Trading was more difficult, says Gesteiner, and there were

tocopier to fax machine one new share at 180p for AFP Group, the Australian mangement has been changed and strengthened.

Gestetner expects "a material improvement in profitability in 1990." Gestetner shares dipped 5p

to 208p yesterday. This comes after a relentless slide from about 270p last

Mr Greg Melgaard, the Gestetner chief executive, denied that the group had had difficulty in obtaining City support for the rights issue.

"We had a fantastic response," he said. The issue is being under-

BUT NO BULL, The balance of the price, particular problems in the written by Schroders. SE daily turnover totals £1.36bn

the last quarter of 1989 which did not stay open. This despanned the mini-crash on October 16 and water privatization in December.

In its Quarterly Report, the Exchange's Quality of Markets Committee noted that, while this was 16 per cent below the average in the previous quarter, it was unchanged year-on-year and the committee was pleased with the way London coped.

Mr Stephen Raven, the committee's deputy chairman, said: "The point was that we did open all day on

monstrates the importance of the continuous quote-driven system over the Continental order driven system. The joy of our market is the ability to deal continuously."

On October 16 £2.7 billion worth of shares were traded. although the average yellow strip touch for alpha stocks widened from 0.97 per cent to 1.39 per cent on that day and the largest quote size fell from 81,000 to 52,000.

When trading in water shares opened on December

amounted to £1.16 billion, balf the total for the entire market that day. In December as a whole, turnover in water shares came to £3.3 billion.

The report also contains conclusions about the impact of index arbitrage inLondon. Buving or selling a basket of stocks to exploit anomalies between the price of index futures and the value of the underlying stocks has been criticized in the United States because of volatility at "triple witching hour" when positions are closed. However, the they do in the US.

Stock Exchange turnover av- October 16, whereas in Ger- 12, turnover in the "package committee points out that eraged £1.36 billion a day in many and France the markets unit" of 10 water shares institutional differences, such as the tax position of UK pension funds, have stunted the growth of index arbitrage

Here it accounts for no more than 1 per cent of Stock Exchange turnover, against between 1.7 and 5.2 per cent in New York. Index arbitrage improved price efficiency, liquidity and order flow and should be encouraged by changing their liability to tax and stamp duty which stops UK pension funds playing as big a role in index arbitrage as

Drive to open up Eastern Europe considered

Rank Xerox copies record with £418m

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor Rank Xerox, the business machines

manufacturing partnership between the Rank Organisation and Xerox Corp-oration of the US, brought in full-year pre-tax profits of £418.2 million, just £3 illion more than the 1988 record. But compared with this increase of less

than 1 per cent, an underlying profits growth trend of 18 per cent was claimed after eliminating exceptional items and currency effects.

Exceptionally, there were costs of restructuring its systems business, and a larger-than-usual payment for research and development went to Xerox Corporation, which apparently needed more reported profits for tax reasons. Annual savings of £100 million, to be fully felt next year, were also promised

by Rank Xerox arising from a new distribution system. This is being cen-tralized in Holland to serve the emerging single European market on a just-in-time



Rank Xerox is increasingly developing software, with the need to spend on research and development, while hardware is being left more to Xerox.One effect will be the running down of some British hardware capacity, which will to an extent be replaced by work on

An initiative to open up the East The savings will go "partly" to profits. European market, seen potentially as a

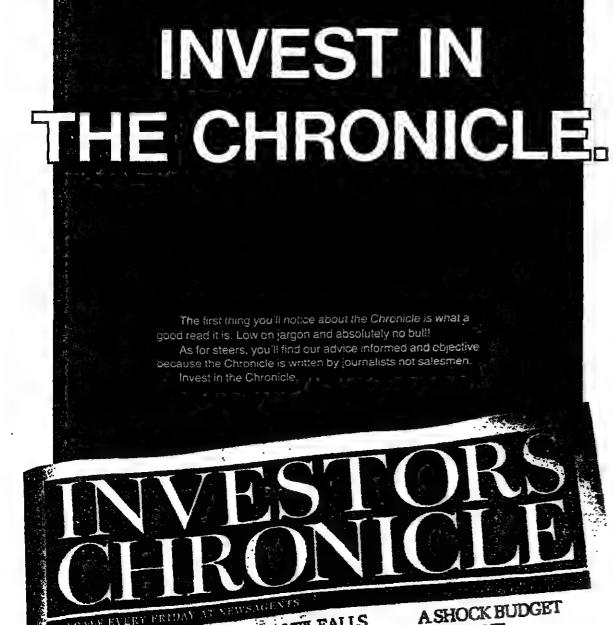
photocopiers and printers, is also being

Rank Xerox is a market leader in the Eastern bloc and equipment and personnel, to inject expertise, is likely to be shipped out at a cost which might rise to as much as £8 million.

Rank Xerox sales at £2.5 billion in the year to end-October were up 10 per cent. M Bernard Fournier, managing direc-tor of Rank Xerox, said: "This represents further solid progress and is due in significant part to increased equipment sales, particularly in the high volume reprographics and centralized printing

business areas." Rank Organisation, which has a 49 per cent stake in Rank Xerox, received £160 million from the partnership profits, up

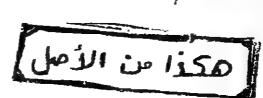
Earnings at Fuji Xerox, a partnership between Rank Xerox and Fuji Film were up about 6 per cent, while the operation in West Germany returned its first profit in five years with DM46 million (£16 million).



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reveals, from the departure in December of Andrew Large who, as general manager, was the man responsible for its

investment banking operation. "The culture then changed," says Aling "The Swiss moved in. Not only am I against the Swiss, but I'm also against large organizations. I'm of the opinion that these large bank takeovers of City firms have not worked, by and large." On ice for three months, Aling plans in the course to launch his own firm with a "handful of practitioners who can put up enough capital to get up and running" and one or two institutions as minority partners. His motto? "To make half and have a laugh."

هكذا من الأصل NewsCorp profit hit by Sky loss and interest bill

proved margins.

By Lindsay Cook Family Money Editor

More morigage rate rises look likely

early next week, with most building societies waiting for the Halifax Building

Society, the largest leader, to make its

rates in place when the Abbey National increases the return on its accounts by

0.75 per cent from March 1. Mr Andrew

Longhurst, managing director of the Cheitenham & Gloncester, said it would

be putting up its mortgage and savers' rates from March 1, but had to decide by

The society, which yesterday reported breaking above the £100 million pre-tax profits level for the first time, said getting the savers' rate right was most important. "The mortgage rise is retail rate-driven. This is the most competitive area at the moment," said Mr Longhurst.

Profits rose 26.4 per cent to £107.8 million while assets prev 28.3 per cent to

million while assets grew 28.3 per cent to

27.27 billion. Profits after tax were up

The society's management expe

ratio increase by 1p per £100 of assets to

73p, compared with an industry average of 21.17.

It was this cost-efficiency which

allowed the society to offer the best build-

ing society savings rate on its postal

instant access account - currently 11.5 per cent on sums above \$2,500 - while of-

her can be sume above 22,500 - while enfering a 1 per cent discount to new borrowers, said Mr Longkurst.

Its retail savings had been boosted by the London Share account lamened last April with most of the society's new money invested in the account.

The proposed merger with the Guard-

lan Building Society, announced last

November, will strengthen its postal in-

in mid-April, subject to confirmation by the Building Societies Commission.

28.4 per cent at £70.5 million,

Societies need to have their new savers'

Pre-tax profits of The News by 14p to 484p. Corporation, the worldwide Group net interest which media group headed by Mr was charged against operating (£378.4 million). Rupert Murdoch, fell by 44.6 profit, jumped from The downtum was largely per cent from Aus\$330.6 million to Aus\$183.3 million in Aus\$440.8 million, and assomillion to £100.67 million t the six months ending Decemciated companies - which previously made a profit The slide resulted from a Contribution of Aus\$60.4 million - showed a half-time

higher net interest charge, inclusion of Aus\$103 million Aus\$25.7 million loss. (£50.5 million) of losses at Sky At the net level, and before abnormal items, NewsCorp Television and the effects of reports profits on an equity-accounted basis of Aus\$136.3 the Ansen airline pilots' dispute in Australia. NewsCorp says half-time revenues rose by 14.5 per cent to Aus\$4.12 million with that million compared with Aus\$260.3 million

After taking into account with our long term business abnormal items, the bottom plan," the board says. from the United States exceeding Aus\$2.23 billion, line shows profits of Aus\$152 million against Aus\$439.2 and that despite slightly remillion previously. duced volumes, profits in core

Results of News Interbusinesses rose as a result of national, the group's British operating efficiencies and imsubsidiary - owner of The Times, The Sunday Times, NewsCorp's interim divi-dend is maintained at 5 and Today - show a pre-tax Australian cents per share, loss of £65.4 million com-

on a turnover of £380 million

net interest paid and £50.5 million of losses associated with Sky Television.

Profits from newspapers and magazines exceeded those earned in the corresponding period last year, while losses at Sky Television - made up of an initial four months' trading losses and amortization of start-up costs - "are in line With the exception of Sky

Television, operating profits since December continue to exceed those of last year, News International says. Sky Television is now seen in more than 1.2 million homes and the installation of

C&G tops £100m for first time

and the shares rose in London pared with a previous interim accelerating." News Inter-by 14p to 484p. pre-tax profit of £41.7 million national adds that the subscription service for Sky began on February 5 with 250,000 paying subscribers.

At the net attributable level News International reports a £57.9 million loss compared with a previous £44.8 million

Holders of News International's special dividend shares are entitled to the sterling equivalent of the dividend paid by NewsCorp and therefore receive 2.2367p a share (2.5575p a share) for the interim period, payable April

News International shares were unchanged at 279p. In a review of its world-wide interests, NewsCorp, News International's parent com-pany, says US television sta-tions showed considerable improvement and results from Fox Broadcasting were higher. The Twentieth Cenreceiving equipment and higher. The Twentieth Cedishes is "on schedule and tury Fox Film division fell.

Jameel raises bid for Hartwell

By Martin Waller

Jameel Group, the Sandi Arabian-owned company, has launched an intended knockout blow in its attempted takeover of Hartwell, the motor distributor, with a final cash offer of £172 million or 155p a share.

But the raised bid, com-pared with the £151 million offered at the start of the year. met with an immediate rejection from Mr Peter Hoggins the Hartwell chairman, who dismissed it as "totally inadequate."

The bidder is also offering 142.1p for each Hartwell convertible preference share

Jameel, through its Oakhill offshoot, was in the market bolstering its case yesterday with purchases which took its total holding to more than 29 per cent, with more than 45 per cent of the convertibles, as the Hartwell share price jumped 10p to 156p.

"We really came to the conclusion that we've got to try and fell this in one clean fall of the axe," said Mr Rupert Carington, the Oakhill chairman. He attacked Hartwell's "extremely fast, unconsidered and panicky re-action," which appeared on the Stock Exchange screens barely an hour after the revised offer.

Jameel is claiming its new bid offers a prospective price carnings multiple of 18 times Hartwell's own 1990 profits forecast. For its part, the Oxford motor dealer claims that after stripping out the value of its properties, a revaluation of which formed one of the main planks of its defence, the offer gives a multiple of only 13.2 times its motor and oil distribution

"This is the third biggest retailer in the country — it's got a franchise portfolio you couldn't build again," a

spokesman said. About 10.3 per cent of the company is held by its own pension fund and directors have about 2.5 per cent, Jameel in particular needs to win around two big institu-tional holders, M&G and Mercantile Credit, with 17 per cent between them.

But observers believe meel, which spent two years building up an 18 per cent stake in Hartwell and which has made stremous efforts to enter the British car market, is likely to retain its holding

COMMENT David Brewerton

BUSINESS AND FINANCE

Ridley's team hold key to Eurotunnel progress

he 10-strong consortium of con-struction companies building the Channel tunnel have mounted their most open challenge to the authority of their client Eurotunnel in the stormy history of the project. By refusing to sign the agreement reached in principle last month, they have created a situation where one party or another faces a humiliating climb-down.

Until TML does sign, no fresh funds will be provided by the banks backing the project, and if the ink is not dry inside two weeks, Eurotunnel will run out of cash. The terms of the master agreements between the two parties are not crystal clear. But if there is an unscheduled halt to construction work, the lawyers for Eurotunnel's shareholders and the banks, who have between them sunk almost £2 billion so far, can only begin proceedings to recover their outlay. This is brinkmanship of the highest order.

It is clear TML has mounted a campaign to remove Mr Alastair Morton, the British co-chairman, to a position where has has little or no involvement with the building of the link. A force play on this scale is probably without precedent. Unfortunately for the builders, Mr Morton has won the backing of the joint board of Eurotunnel which has swung its weight behind him. If it was part of the TML plan to isolate him from the rest of his colleagues, the strategy has failed.

It is inconceivable the Eurotunnel board could back down from the management structure announced yesterday and still retain credibility with the bankers and the company's shareholders. If there is a compromise to be reached, then it lies in the nature of the role to be undertaken by Tony Ridley and the two appointees beneath him who will be in charge of the construction project.

Eurotunnel has two other key tasks to perform aside from the building of the tunnel. Fresh financing of around £1.5 billion has to be arranged, partly from the banks, and partly from Eurotunnel's shareholders. Also, a new management team and structure for operating the tunnel once it is up and running, have to be devised and implemented.

Eurotunnel must persuade TML that Dr Ridley's team has the autonomy and authority to attend to the project. But in accepting this, TML will to all the world appear to have climbed down from a confrontation largely of its own making.

An independent lady

s an old Bank of England hand, A Sir Kit McMahon's views on independent central banking are certainly worth a hearing. Last night, he made clear that, like the departed Chancellor Lawson, he favours giving the Old Lady more rope, especially as European Monetary Union looms.

That does not mean independence without accountability. Sir Kit would like Threadneedle Street made accountable to Parliament rather than the Government. One wonders whether Sir Kit's ideas on independence stem from his time at the Bank. After all, it was there he probably came across a 1977 Conservative strategy paper, "The Right Approach to the Economy," which plainly called for a "more independent role" for the Bank, It cannot have been Mrs Thatcher who

Hard Swiss are shameless

A ny hope that UBS Phillips & ings and that the interests of all parties might be better served when the wheels following the lead of NatWest of justice have ground to their Investment Bank to make offers of compensation to those misled during the infamous Blue Arrow rights issue have evaporated. The London-based securities operation has decided against making any such payments. National Westminster Bank is obviously a softer touch by far than the hard-headed Union Bank of Switzerland, proud owner of UBS Phillips & Drew.

Natwest and UBS P&D are equally caught up with the "Blue Arrow affair," although the latter is seeking to make the distinction that it was acting merely as an agent for Blue Arrow and points out that the disgraceful episode has never been tagged the "UBS Phillips &

There is a valid argument that quesawait the outcome of criminal proceed-

conclusion.

But it is equally clear that UBS P&D was not motivated merely by high principle, but also by the unpalatable idea put forward by NatWest Investment Bank that the two parties should share the burden of compensation in equal proportions. UBS P&D was prepared to have talks with the institutional shareholders and with NatWest Investment Bank, but it was not prepared to go 50-50 on compensation. Just what proportion of the burden the Swiss were willing to shoulder, they will not say. The whole point of offering compen-

sation at this time is to try to avoid expensive litigation in the future, and that will only be avoided if the institutional shareholders feel they have had a square deal. At the moment, so far

Sir Gordon to detail BAA complaints

By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent

Sir Gordon Borrie, director-five-year review of BAA's given undertakings to the now being phased in over general of the Office of Fair sirports is to begin this year OFT on a wide range of three years. Other complaints Trading, is to give detailed any complaints could be charges which have been sub-received by Mr Borrie include general of the Office of Fair sirports is to begin this year Trading, is to give detailed any complaints could be evidence to the Monopolies considered within that review. evidence to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission about the "many complaints" be has received about BAA, the airports operator.

But he has decided not to ask the MMC to carry out an immediate monopoly investigation into BAA's pricing

Such an inquiry, he said yesterday, "would have been timely" but because a regular

He won't

the Swiss

Barry Aling, one of the City's top men when it comes to Far

Eastern markets, is on the

move. And it must be enough

to make his former employers

- Swiss Bank Corporation nervous. For when Aling, aged 39, arrived there in 1986 from

Wico - then a subsidiary of

Exco - he brought with him

no fewer than 84 of his former

refusal to sell the Wico busi-

ness to its management.

"They came from offices all

over the world and it was quite

tor of SBCI, based in London,

running its Far Eastern securi-

ties business. The catalyst in

his decision to leave came, he

miss

"The wide-ranging complaints I have received are best considered as part of a truly comprehensive review," said

"When this is in progress I will be giving evidence to the MMC in order to ensure that the commission takes account of the issues these complaints have raised."

In the meantime BAA has

ject to complaints in the last two years.

Mortgage rise due: Andrew Longhurst announces results at the Savoy yesterday

In particular, bus and coach operators have attacked BAA for introducing new charges for theuse of their airports.

One bus operator faced having to pay £31,000 a year instead of £106, and hotels providing courtesy coaches to the airport a bill of £180,000 instead of £16,000.

car parking duty free prices, and a lack of competition between retail, banking and catering outlets.

These price increases are

It was in the light of a a detailed policy document published yesterday in which BAA tomer service and quality that Sir Gordon said he would not now be asking the MMC to carry out a monopoly invest-

desks at 5 pm sharp last night, so as not to miss a single

minute of the Society of

Investment Analysis' annual dinner at the Grosvenor

House, only those specialists

who follow the Norwegian

Thrash clash

As almost every investment analyst and fund manager in the Square Mile left their Bernard bates at falcons

Bernard Fournier, the 51year-old Frenchman who is
managing director of Rank
Xerox — best known for its
photocopiers — is more excited

in exchange was a consignment of camel anddles. But
Rank Xerox unkers a point of
not taking anything like that
on beard when it has alreadle. than most about sales pros-pects in Eastern Europe. For at the moment business machinery sold by the com-pany into the Eastern bloc, where it claims to be market colleagues during the ensuing six months. Called Operation Daybreak, it followed Exco's leader, has to be paid for through counter-trade. And Fournier recalls that among

found a buyer - the saddles was not, however, the only reises it turned down a sem-ber of Iron Cartain falcons. "We thought it would also be had for our image if there were any problems en route," says a Fournier side, "And anyway they weren't trained." the more unusual items taken

fun," recalls Aling "But I wouldn't want to do it again." Kitsch lovers He became a managing direc-

It is not only holidaymakers who buy them but businessmen, eager to prove that they were thinking of their loved



to your bank vanits."

ones while away and, at times, to prove where they've been. So says Holiday Which? after doing a round-up of some of the tackiest tourist souvenirs from round the world. Some people must, of course, actually like cow bells from Switzerland, thermometers in the shape of the Eiffel Tower, Mexican wicker donkeys, Statue of Liberty sunglasses and stuffed Lock Ness monsters. If no one did, they would not, pr-sumably, be manufactured. Yet who could want, after making the pilgrimage trail to Santiago de la Compostella in Northern Spain, to buy a memento reproducing a religious sculpture set inside a tiny TV set which lights up and plays music? Possibly the same people who hand over their lire for a plastic Venetian gondola which lights up, revolves, plays a tune and has a

ballering propetting on deck.

market were noticeably absent from the occasion. Earning itself a reputation for being inconsiderate, Norsk Hydro, the largest industrial company in Norway, chose last night to present its results to the City. And some 37 analysts appar-

United Kingdom," spokesman added, "who knows, by having a smoked salmon starter analysts may even have been contributing to Norsk's profits for next

ently opted, conscientiously, for the Norsk evening thus missing the biggest and most sociable thrash of their working year. "But we have tried hard to make up for it," says a spokesman for Norsk. Norsk was, he revealed, laying on a lavish dinner at the Waldorf Hotel instead - and only one or two of their guests had forewarned them that they would be leaving promptly to join the festivities at the Grosvenor House. "With Norsk being one of the top three salmon farmers in the

wall in the City: "Happiness is the pursuit of something, not the catching of it." And written neatly beneath it. "Like chasing the last bus on a rainy night."

Carol Leonard

I have been lucky enough to drive most of the world's fastest sports cars, and none of them have the same overall balance of speed, comfort and refinement that this new 300ZX exhibits " lan Kuah, World Sports Cars

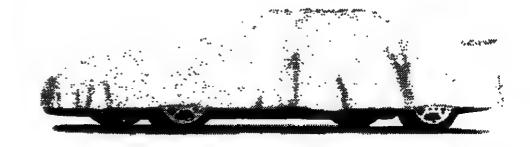
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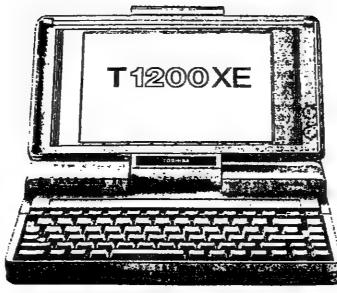
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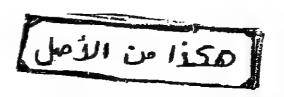
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مكذا عن الأصل THE TIMES FRIDAY FEBRUARY 16 1990 BUSINESS AND FINA Newman £32m call | Storehouse to close four Heal's | Storehouse is closing four of to wipe out debt and fund purchases

Newman Tonks, the acquisitive door and window fittings maker keen to expand in the US and Europe, has called on its shareholders to raise £32.3 million net by way of a rights

The move, which together with yesterday's £10 million sale of its non-core gas controls businesses, will obliterate the Birmingham-based com-pany's borrowings and leave it with £6 million cash to fund

It is issuing 22.1 million new ordinary shares at 150p each, offering ordinary share-holders one for every four held and convertible preference shareholders one ordinary share at 150p for every eight convertible shares held. The cash call is fully underwritten by Barclays de Zoete Wedd.

Shares in Newman Tonks, which last came to the market to raise capital through a rights issue in 1985, fell 10p to mercial property sector, said it

terday took over as group chief executive from Mr Dong Rogers, who has resigned because of his wife's illness, said the £6 million left over after eliminating £35 million

of borrowings would be put maintained at the same level towards acquisitions.

October.

able gas controls business

two more disposals soon.

requirements are

At completion, Newman

Mr Tim Frankland, the

the group's annual meeting to

become deputy chairman. The move will allow Mr Rogers to

become the non-executive

Mr Gahan will become

non-executive director of his

own company.

He said the Newman Tonks, which spent £50 million on acquisitions last year though it is only capitalized at Jeavons Engineering Ltd. about £150 million, is currently in preliminary negotiations for one acquisition in the US and two in Europe.

Mr Gahan had spent half his week as a non-executive director of Newman Tonks for the past three years and the other half running Jordan Gahan, his private plastic and aluminium dye-casting com-

He said Newman Tonks was particularly keen on "get-ting into the German backyard without them getting into

The company is also investigating opportunities in

Newman Tonks, which op-erates primarily in the comwas confident that its perfor-Mr Geoff Gahan, who yes- mance in the current year would be "satisfactory" despite the property slump, given that close to half the group's activity is now outside Britain.

Dividend payouts will be



Reorganizing furniture business: Michael Julien will also announce closure of 10 Habitats

its six Heal's furniture shops as part of the reorganization of its ailing furniture business (Gillian Bowditch writes).

Storehouse, where Mr Michael Julien is chief executive, is also due to announce the closure of 10 Habitat etores

Up to 90 jobs will go at Heal's and head office. The closure will cost the group about 23 million before tax, which will be treated as an exceptional item in the acco The stores to go are in Reading. Berkshire; West Thurrock, Essex; Croydon, Surrey;

rock, Essex; Croydon, Surrey; and Kingston-upon-Thames. The two remaining stores in Guildford, Sorrey, and Lond-on's Tournham Court Road account for about 74 per cent of Heal's total turnover.

A spokesman for the group said the closures would return the Heal's chain to profitability. They reflected the severe downturn in the farniture market, particularly in the south-east. The shops will be closed in the next four to aix weeks. As yet, no decision has been ade on which Habitat stores

are to close, although the one of West Thurrock is almost certain to go. Habitat has 56 stores in Britain, plus five units within BHS that are almost certain to go. The carmarked stores will be a kizh street.

Habitet and Heal's made on operating loss of £2.8 million iast year and the division is expected to lose about £11

Fairline falls 148p after bid talks fail

By Melinda Wittstock

Shares in Pairtine Book sant 48p to 695p after the Northhamptonshire luxury boat builder announced that talks which may have led to a full bid for the company have been terminated.

The unexpected approach, which sent Fairline's shares up 112p to 835p when it was revealed early last month, failed to materialize into an offer after the unnamed company decided to acquire mother company instead

Mr Sam Newington, the Fairline chairman and managing director, said: "It was nothing to do with our trading performance or the price we wanted." With his family, he owns 55 per cent of Fairline

Fairline, which says its orders are well ahead of last year, was negotiating to sell the company for slightly more than its £29.2 million value the day the bid approach pushed its shares to 835p.

Mr Newington said the group was not looking for another buyer. He added that work is shortly due to start on a factory to build 60st boats that will sell for about £400.000.

He said be remains optimistic about sales, despite the economic downturn.

Hongkong Bank to pay £92.8m for Lloyds of Canada

From Lain Ya, Hong Kong

Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corp has agreed to acquire Lloyds Bank of Can-ada for Can\$190 million (£92.8 million).

The deal will make its subsidiary, the Hongkong Bank of Canada, the largest foreign bank in the country.

"We view the merger of the two banks as an excellent opprionity to balance our operation by expanding in central and eastern Canada," said Mr Jim Cleave, Hongkong Bank president and chief

The bank, which also owns the Bank of British Columbia, is one of the 30 largest banks in the world, with total assets of more than Can\$6.1 billion. Following the merger with Lloyds, which has assets of Citibank as the leading over-

presence in eastern Canada. Hongkong Bank has headquarters in Vancouver and 49 of its 61 branches in western Canada, while Lloyds has most of its 54 branches in Ontario and Ouebec. "Our

seas bank, with a strong

The Canadian offshoot of the commitment to British Col-Hongkong and Shanghai umbia will not be diminished by an enhanced national presence," said Mr Cleave. "It's simply good business to be

> Mr Philip Harris, spokes-man of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, said the purchase would be paid for by notes payable in 1991.

The two banks and the regulatory authorities are discussing whether there should be interest payments

Analysts yesterday gave their approval to the deal, in which Hongkong Bank's cash flow will remain unaffected until next year.

"The acquisition is a sound one. It reduces competition for the Hongkong Bank in Canada's private banking secasset base," said Mr Keith Wu, banking economist at Citicorp Scrimgeour Vickers. In the year to end-October,

Hougkong Bank reported net profits of Can\$34.8 million, while Lloyds unveiled losses of Can\$35.5 million after Third World debt provisions,

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Fourth quarterly dividend brings total for the year

to 14.90 pence per share - up from 13.50 pence in 1988.

Financial highlights	1989	1988	
Group profit after taxation	•		
Historical cost	£1,744m	£1,210m	
Replacement cost*	£1,361m	£1,437m	
Extraordinary profit after taxation	£390m	_	
Dividends per Ordinary Share	14.90p	13.50p	

EXCLUDES STOCK HOLDING GAINS AND LOSSES.

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Mortgage minefield assistance

The full details of the locust mortgage rate rises, includi who will have to pay how much extra and when, will be included in the Family Money section on Saturday.

There will be guidance for le who cannot meet the intest rise and for those who are among the increasing number of people with mortgage

Also under scrutiny will be the new brend of buildents of-

THE **** TIMES ON SATURDAY IN COLQUE

fering brand new properties to rent, and there is a study of

unit trust pricing.
Find out what rights investors have when the company they have invested in decides to go private. See why charities may suffer under planned changes to the give-as-youearn scheme and why caution has to be exercised in the world of investment treats.

Also included in the section are news of the latest developnents and products in per-

City rents second in world table

By Our City Staff

Only Tokyo bests London in the league of city office rents and charges, according to the latest survey by Richard Ellis, the international property

Office rents and charges in Tokyo total £127.46 per square foot, keeping it at the top of the league. The City of London is second at £89.60 and the West End of London third at £85.70.

Two other British cities Manchester and Glasgow, figure in the league. Manch is 19th at £25.50 and Glasgov is 20th at £25.42.

Mr Ted Webster, the managing partner of Richard Ellis Scotland, said Glasgow was well placed to meet increased European competition with only Brussels and Amsterdam offering low-

"There is still exceptionally strong demand for quality office space in the city which at this stage, shows no signs of tailing off," he said. But, he added, the rates burden of 39 per cent of the total charge in Glasgow was still high.

NAB completes Yorkshire buy

general manager of Yorkshire services." Bank, has warmly welcomed the bank's new Australian parent company.

Mr Sunderland said he was looking forward to working with the National Australia record growth in business

The bank yesterday completed the £1 billion takeover mer shareholders. of Yorkshire Bank, which is

Britain's most profitable. Mr Sunderland, in his annual review, commented: "To our customers, I can pledge that the bank's essential character will not change, and,

Mr Graham Sunderland, the further the quality of our

He added: "I welcome our new owner most warmly." Last year was an "excep-

tional" one for Yorkshire. It produced strong profits, lending and also the end of a 79-year partnership with for-

Pre-tax profits for the year to end-December were £113.1

million. This was an increase of 128 per cent over the same period last year.

The group's total resources together with our new owner, for the year rose by 27.3 per we shall strive to improve cent to more than £4 billion.



(STOCK MARKET)

Worries over disposals

depress Tate & Lyle

WALL STREET

Dow in a narrow range as investors hold back

shares stayed close to Wednesday's closing levels with investors holding back to await the trade data due today.

The Dow Jones industrial average, which closed up 0.22 of a point on Wednesday at 2.624.32, was unchanged in

The index had been moving in a narrow range between 2,627.93 and 2,621.17 points.

gains than losses.

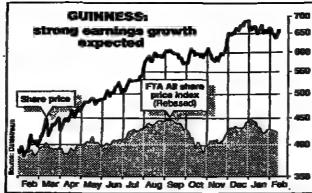
to the filing by Drexel Burnham Lambert, the junkbond financier, for chapter 11 protection against bankruptcy also added to confidence.



New York (Reuter) - US A few more issues showed

Concern about a jump in the January housing starts was offset by a realization that the figure was due to harsh

The market's calm reaction



240 at 7320 and BAA 120 at

bankruptcy, may have some-thing to do with it. Word is a buyer had been found who full-year figures showing net income rising from £1.2 bil-lion to £1.74 billion. The arranged part of the finance for the acquisition in the junk bond market. This week's

shares added 3.5p at 346.5p.
But Enterprise Oil feli 9p to 642p on persistent talk that ICI is close to placing its 25

expected to generate revenue of more than £1 billion. Kleinwort Benson, the tockbroker, has joined a

stockbroker, has joined a growing band which believes that Guinness is good for you. Mr John Spicer, drinks analyst at Kleinwort, has raised his forecast for 1989 by £40 million to £680 million and per cent stake in the market. for the current year by £48

Cadhery Schweppes essed 1p to 335p, after 334p, abend of full-year figures this month. County NatWest WoodMac, the broker, says there are likely to be few surprises with the drinks division outperforming the confectionery business. WoodMac is more worried about slower growth in 1990 and further share es. It is a seller of the shares shart-term.

The speculators are hoping ICI will sell-on the holding to a single buyer like Elf Aquitaine which accounts for another 25 per cent of Enterprise. ICI eased 3p to £10.69 ahead of full-year figures next week which are expected to show a marginal rise in pre-tax profits from £1.47 billion to

Racal Electronics rose 7p to 231p, excited by the news that it is in talks with the Government to supply a nationwide intergrated voice and data service between Government Telecom, up 2p at 308p, Glaxe of 10 years. The project is

million to £808 million. Last year Guinness made £521 million Mr Spicer said: "I'm look-

ing for earnings growth of

around 30 per cent He was moved to increase his forecast because of the buoyancy of Scotch whisky sales to the Far East and Japan. It had been thought that the 40 per cent surge in sales to Japan last year had been a one-off event owing to changes in duty.

But the increased levels seem to have held. This combined with a £100 million

vide further earnings growth. Priest Marians, the property developer, leapt 90p to 265p on the news that Mr David Holland's Grovewood had bought a 13.8 per cent stake. Dealers are now hoping that Grovewood, which also has a near 20 per cent stake in Early's of Witney, will make an offer for the rest. Early's fell 7p to 250p on the news.

Hartwell, the Ford main dealer, jumped 10p at 156p virtually matching the in-creased terms from the Saudiased Jameel Group valuing the group at £172 million. Hartwell has rejected the

after better-than-expected interim figures. Pre-tax profits were £30.1 million

Recent high-flyer Fairline Boats ran into stormy weather sinking 148p to 675p after announcing that talks that might have led to a bid had been terminaned.

Gestetner fell 4p to 209p after deciding to push ahead with its widely anticipated rights issue. The group is raising £65.2 million on the basis of one new share for every two held at 180p a share.

ECC Group fell another 7p to 363p still overshadowed by a recent profits warning. Crest Nicholson, down 30p at 160p, also added to the gloom in the building sector with its own profits warning along with full year figures.

Travis Perkins, the builders' merchant slipped 2p to 183p after Meyer International placed its entire 21 per cent stake with various fund managers. The sale raised £38.8 million compared contribution from the group's million. Meyer fell 6p to 348p.

WORLD MARKETS

Election hopes boost Nikkei by 316 points

Tokye (Renter) — Shares 316.10 points, or 0.85 per closed broadly firmer but off their peak as index-buying investment trust funds mustered buying enthusiasm on mounting expectations that the proousiness Liberal Democratic Party will at least squeak through with a majority in

Sunday's elections. The Nikkei index surged points in the past two days.

Johannesburg prices rally

investors subsided, to be replaced by active demand at the lows, dealers said.

The overall share index ebounded to a preliminary 3,153 close after plunging to 3,091 points on Wednesday from 3,214, while the all-gold index recovered to 1,981 from

million shares, an encouraging improvement over 360 mil-

lion on Wednesday. • Singapore - The Straits
Times industrial index recovered 14.65 points to end at 1,579.35 after losing 29.07

Hang Seng advances

sburg (Reuter) - Hong Kong (Reuter) - The Stock market prices rallied main stock index rose sharply strongly as the recent heavy sell-off by local and foreign investors exhained at the stock index rose sharply in the morning supported by active bargain-hunting on a few blue chiral and accurate few blue chips and news of concessions reached between Britain and China over Hong Kong's political structure.

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The Hang Seng index rose 39.61 points to 2,910.04. Supply was rare at these levels as the market seemed to have strong downside support at 2,820," a dealer said.

All-Ordinaries ahead

"But it was dragged down by the very disappointing Western Mining result, which was way below even the lowest of expectations," one broker

net profit of Aus\$210.8 mil-

Sydney (Rester) — The All-Ordinaries index edged up 1.9 aus\$270 million and Aus\$310 million.

WMC reported an interim lion (£93.4 million) compared

Aus\$270 million and Aus\$310

cents lower at Aus\$5.84 and it was the most active stock by value with 3.73 million shares worth Aus\$22.22 million

● Frankfurt — The Dax index surged 18.73 points to 1,850.96.

WORLD MARKET INDICES

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EAFE	1422.2	0.5	-8.7	0.6	-4.6	0.5	-4.1
(free)	146.3	0.5	-0.6	0.6	-4.7	0.5	-4.1
Europe	719.4	0.0	-5.4	0.3	-3.1	0.0	-0.6
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Dermark	1313.2	-0.5	-0.2	0.0	3.3	-0.6	4.9
Finland	117.1	-0.1	1.0	0.3	4.4	0.0	6.8
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France	717.8	-0.3	-11.2	0.3	-7.8	-0.3	-6.7
GOTRARY	910.5	0.0	-0.8	0.6	3.6	0.0	4.3
Hong Kang	2165.3	1.3	-2.4	1.2	2.6	1.3	2.6
Italy	355.6	-0.1	-7.8	0.4	-4.5	-0.1	-3.0
Japan	5496.8	8.0	-10.9	0.8	-6.0	8.0	-6.3
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Norway	1525.4	-0.5	13.5	-0.1	17.3	-0.5	19.4
(free)	264.8	-0.4	13.4	0.0	17.0	-0.4	19.2
Sing/Malay	2036.7	0.2	2.1	0.2	5.3	0.2	7.3
Spain	214.5	-0.6	9.4	-0.1	-5.5	-0.6	-4.8
Sweden	1559.8	-20	-11.1	-1.7	-7.4	-20	-8.5
(free)	220.7	-24	-8.8	-2-1	-5.1	-2.4	-42
Switzerland	888.5	0.6	-29	0.7	-1.0	0.5	2.1
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USA	434.5	0.2	-10.1	0.2	-5.5	0.2	-5.5

ALPHA STOCKS

Western Mining Corp interim rises to £92m

Weaker nickel and gold prices about Aus\$240 million.

The FT index of top 30

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The rest of the equity

a sour taste in investors

and higher production costs severely retarded the earnings of Western Mining Corp., the Australian-based metal miner, in the six months to

WMC recorded a slight increase in equity-accounted profit to Aus\$210.84 million (£92.84 million) from Aus\$203.86 million (£89.76 million) during the period -

WMC's 43.9 per cent-owner aluminium producer, Alcoe of Australia, doubled its profit from Aus\$81.9 million to Aus\$160.5 million.

Excluding the performance of Alcoa, WMC's profits fell from Aus\$122 million to Aus\$50.3 million.

Directors declared an interim dividend of 13 cents for an unfranked dividend and 11.05

Norsk Hydro slumps by 21% to £245.8m

By George Sivell

Norsk Hydro, Norway's larg- London and Oslo stockest public company and a brokers. substantial operator in Britain, suffered a 21 per cent fall in net income to £245.8 million (Kr2694 million) in

the year to end-December. In London the shares fell from £17.94 to £17.75 despite a rise in the dividend of 6.6 per cent to Kr4. Earnines fell from Kr17.10 to Kr13.10. The Norsk results were within the

Interest charges almost doubled from £72.7 million to £140.9 million and Norsk suffered a £34.4 million foreign exchange loss after enjoy-ing a £10.8 million gain in the previous year.

Oil and gas profits more than doubled from Kr1078 to Kr2437 thanks to incremed oil production and higher dollar

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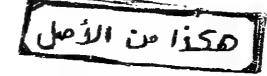
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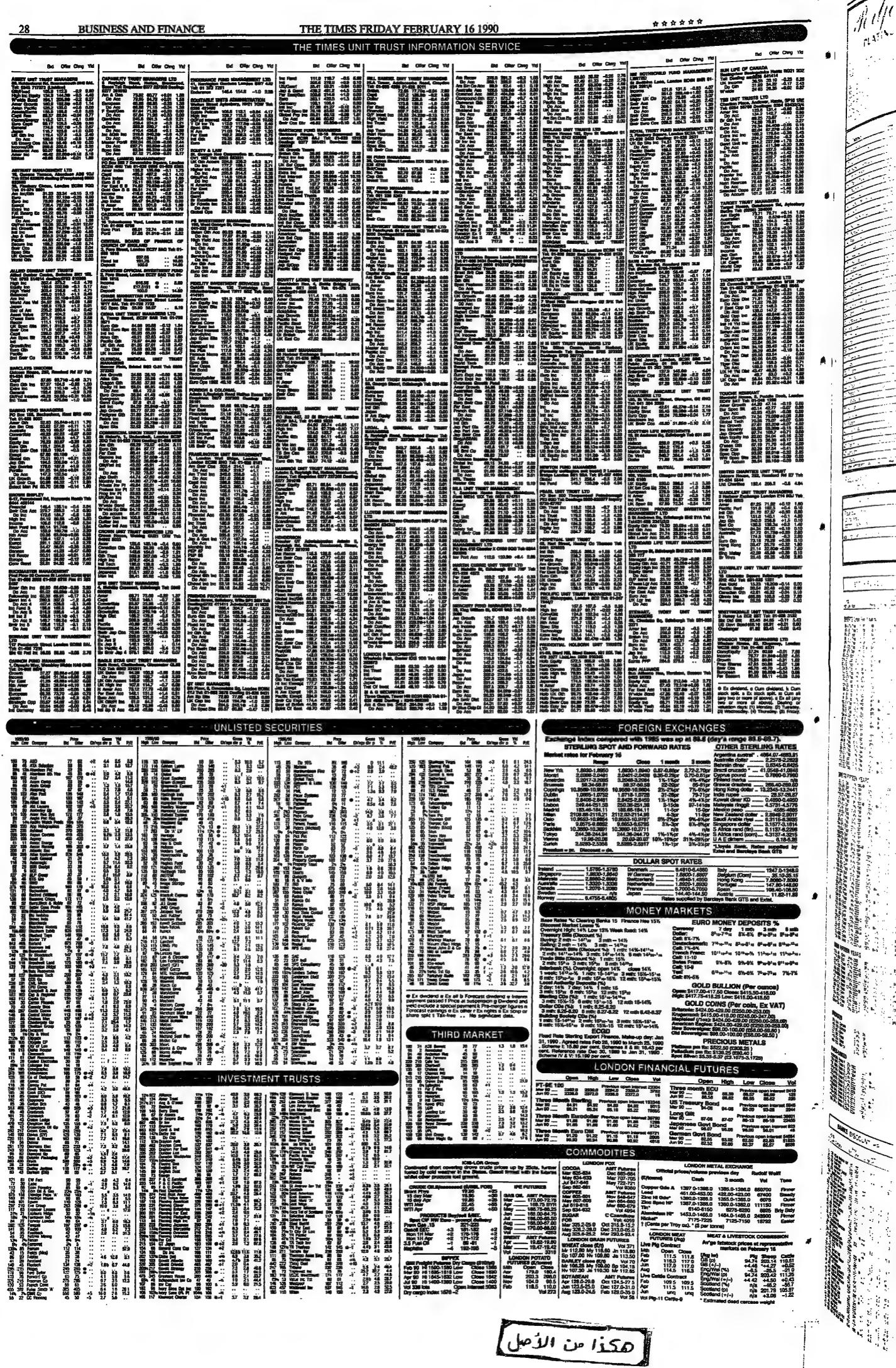
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The riddle confronts buyers as soon as they start to write out the cheque for their new car in the showroom. Often, the "on the road" price they are quoted is not an on-the-road price at all. The dealer will want about £500 more, which covers a year's tax (£100), number

plates (about £20), possibly an inspection charge and delivery.

Many buyers are upset at being asked to foot the bill for getting their car to the dealer. After all, customers at Marks & Spencer are not asked to pay a delivery charge on clothes, for example. Car buyers might live only 500 yards from the factory but, usually, the delivery charge still has to be paid.

£2.17 more than a vehicle from the West Midlands. What are the hidden costs behind the arrival of your new car? For the £15,750 Discovery (if one

is available, for dealers this week were quoting delivery at up to nine months ahead) the approximate add-on quoted by a Maidenhead dealership totals £500, including delivery.

The extra for a £19,400 long-wheelbase Shogun 2.6 petrol-driven vehicle is about £550, including delivery in London.

A London dealer selling a rival Isuzu Trooper long wheelbase Citation at £16,800 will want about another £500, including delivery costs of about £300. Mercedes-Benz asks only £190 pins VAT for its cheapest £20,600, 2.3-litre, petrol-driven G-Wagen, which comes from Austria.

Lest buyers of four-wheel drive vehicles feel hard done by, there are similar charges for saloons and Ford, Britain's biggest car com-pany, usually charges £200 plus £30

VAT for delivery. Vauxhall charges

about the same, although the full

delivery cost plus plates, tax and pre-delivery inspection could run to about £475. For a £13,400 Toyota Camry, the extras amount to £450, including £250 delivery, and Mitsubishi says that charges are on a sliding scale, depending on area, but are likely to be similar.

'Any other formula would mean that it would be enormously expensive for buyers living in remote areas'

So why is there a delivery charge, and why should it be so much regardless of where the vehicle is made and where the customer lives? The Motor Agents' Association, which represents about 13,000 garages, says that moving a ton of car is not like packing M&S clothes into the back of a truck for transport to a

local store. Neil Marshall, the MAA's economist, says: "We know that buyers sometimes get upset about delivery charges, but they should consider them like postage stamps: the delivery charge is the same whether the letter goes to the next house or John o'Groats, Any other formula would mean that it would be enormously expensive for buyers living in remote areas."

The Japanese point out that transport from Japan to UK ports is covered in the price agreed between the manufacturer and importer. The extra £300 or so is the cost of transporting the vehicle within Britain - which is why the cost of the Discovery delivery is so close to that of the Shogun.

The Japanese also believe that by quoting delivery charges separately, manufacturers and dealers are sav-

ing car buyers a little extra money. David Miles, of Mitsubishi, says: "If the delivery charge were included in the list price, customers would have to pay the 10 per cent special car tax on it. By keeping it separate, customers can compare delivery prices and know they are liable only to VAT on the cost."

However, when it comes to relieving the pain of delivery charges, few makers can rival Mercedes-Benz. Buyers of the cars have the choice of paying the £200 or so delivery charge or using the money to travel to the factory in West Germany to collect their car. Dealers will refund any extra cash spent over the £200 cost for a single flight for the owner, a night in a hotel near Stungart, plus the cost of a hovercraft back.

Mercedes confirms: "It is up to the buyer to choose, but they have the option of paying the flat fee or going to collect their ear from Stuttgart where applicable and the dealer will top up the costs".

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programme in Britain on March 1, when it launches the programme in Artian on Marca 1, when it inneries the "junior" luxury range of Dedra models, costing between £10,695 and £15,395. Using 1.6-, 1.8- or two-litre, fuel-injected engines, the Dedra range is one of the most serodynamic offered by the company, while not spoiling the usual distinctive styling. Lancia's sales in Britain fell a few years ago after rust scares, but the company has been rebuilding its reputation with a number of advances, such as the acclaimed Delta compact models.

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January sales in the United
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Sales in the US were up by 2.1
per cent to 1,523 cars, and in
Japan, the fastest-growing market, up by 58 per cent - a threefold increase, underlining the country's opening-up to foreign products.

Range Rover had record UK sales of 841 cars in January. Sales of the new Land-Rover Discovery reached 446, bringing the total delivered since his Movember

Caroen has added two permanent four-wheel drive models to its BX line-up: a BX GTI 4x4 at £13,899, and a BX 4x4 Estate car at £12,599.

Christie's next sale of classic cars, at Beaulieu Motor Museum, Hampshire, on March 20, features what is described as outstanding pre-war and modern classic cars, including a 1985 twinturbocharged Ferrari 288 GTO 2500,000, and the 1968 Costin-Nathan Sports Flacing GT, which could fetch 290,000.

The two-day Fleet Motor Show, for company-car buyers, who account for more then half of all new car sales in the UK, will open at Olympia, west London, on May 2.

■ Porsche says it has delivered 1,000 cars equipped with catalytic converters to UK customers. The Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders estimates there are 10,000 "cat" cars on British roads, meaning that Porsche Power and performance of the West German cars are not affected by the catalysts, which have been available in the republic for some time.

III Ginetta, the tiny specialist sports car maker, has won a £2.25 million deal to supply cars to Japan. Based in the unlikely setting of Scunthorpe, Ginetta will supply about 35 cars in the first year in what is thought to be the largest export order to Japan for a specialist manufacturer. Portman Lamborghini, the UK concessionaire for the exotic Italian supercars, is to build a headquarters on the site of the Brooklands race track in

If you thought strikes in British car factories created problems, consider this. One worker died and saven were seriously injured in an inter-union dispute at Ford's factory at Cusutidan, Mexico. The company has had to quarantee workers' safety and remove security forces as part of the return-to-work package.

A Rolls-wreck story

the Rolls-Royce Silver Cloud looked the perfect investment for Dick Hudson when he bought the 1963 classic for £20,000 from a friend in the United States, knowing it could be worth £25,000 by the time he got it home to Britain.

The car was loaded gently on to a container ship in Newark, New Jersey, for the 3,500-mile journey across the Atlantic.

A month later, Hudson went to pick up his classic and found it badly damaged, Hudson says he was told the car had not been tethered inside its 40ft container and had rolled back and forth, smashing into the steel sides with every pitch of the ship.

His dream of owning a classic Rolls-Royce turned into a six-month nightmare of transatiantic paperwork and legal battles as he sought compensation.

classic car.

shipped from the US, which became a shadow of its

former self

Rolls-Royce experts in Manchester examined the car and estimated repairs at £16,400. They recommended that Hodson write it off.

The insurers, with whom Hudson took out cover for about £10,000, say his policy did not cover damage, and the shipping company, Hapag-Lloyd, has offered £2,000 compensation under maritime law.

This week, as Hudson surveyed his Silver Cloud at the start of extensive repairs in a body shop near his home at Ilfracombe, north Devon, he said: "It has been an extraordinary experience, I employed an agent, took out insurance and handed the car over to what I believed was a company that would be responsible for the car.

"Then I find my car is wrecked and no one wants to

He claimed Hapeg-Lloyd demanded a £1,000 shipping payment before allowing him to take charge of the vehicle here in Britain. Hudson found there was no one to turn to. His legal bills have accumulated, the insurance he took out was virtually worthless and Hapag-Lloyd has disclaimed responsibility for the damage.

Michael Allwood, Hapag-Lloyd's UK managing director, said his company was pursuing the case with the packing contractors, to which the car was entrusted in



Off the read: Dick Hadson and the Rolls-Royce he had shipped from America to Eagland

His company successfully handled large numbers of cars annually for large manufac-turers, including Rolls-Royce and Jaeuar.

Allwood added: "We want to assist where we can and we are offering to pay more than we are liable for. We believe Mr Hudson's insurance was

damage. There will always be a risk at sea, but in this case the securing of the car inside the container was not our responsibility."

None of this, of course, is any comfort to Hudson, who has discovered too late that the precautions of hising an

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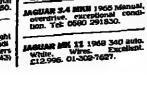
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YOUR OWN BUSINESS

Optimism on export prospects soars among smaller firms

Smaller businesses have had their confidence badly dented over the last few months as interest rates have stayed high with demand prospects this year remaining uncertain. But those with an established export presence in the more buoyant mainland Europe markets are seeing a welcome

The message was underlined this week by the latest smaller firms economic report from the Confederation of British Industry which said the economically livelier European markets, plus the effect of the lower pound, had proved a window of opportunity for those already operating in

Until this survey optimism about export prospects was muted. In the final half of last year the positive balance between nists and optimists was only 3 per cent. The new survey shows this jumping to 26 per cent, which outstrips current opinion about export chances among bigger manufacturers.

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Encouragingly, just over half of smaller manufacturers are now supplying overseas markets, al-though Government worries remain strong that too few smaller businesses are preparing for the single European market.

There is one cloud on the horizon. While twice as many small businesses than earlier now expect a rising volume of export orders, 42 per cent see average export prices rising in the next four months. About two thirds of those in the survey believed price would be the biggest factor in trimming growth in exports.

The survey reports cost pressures squeezing margins. High wage settlements and increased raw material costs seem to be the main culprits. This is against a background of stagnant output growth which is leading smaller firms to contemplate a drop in capital spending on items like plant and machinery. The investment outlook for smaller firms seems to be the weakest since the autumn of 1983.

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"The one thing about working on your own is you're never lonely."

Designs on £1m turnover

When money is tight and the competition fierce, the personal touch gives a small company the edge, Mrs Rosie Winston believes. As an interior designer, she aims to provide the same quality service whether the client wants two rolls of wallpaper or a £200,000

"The business is a very personal one and each of my clients is dealt with by myself. I have a very

strong personal input,"she says. Mrs Winston has a shop in Little Venice, West London, and has two assistants, one to help with designs and administration and another to keep books and do SOCIECIATE WORK

Although her premises are in a backwater, she wants to stay in the area, where there is a good class of retail business. She says: "I feel it's a very good area to have a business such as this. I've seen a lot of interior design shops in rundown areas and as a result the business tends to be run down."

Despite the economic downturn, business has been good for what is normally a quiet time of year after Christmas. Many retail clients are high earners who are not hit so readily by rises in mortgage rates. In any case, some customers unable to move house are ringing the changes in their existing homes instead.

Prospects were not always so rosy. Mrs Winston set up on her own in 1985 when the interior design company she worked for as an administrator went into liquidation. She says: "With no capital I was forced to take on freelance design work and operate from

Show house route to retailing success: Rosie Winston in her Little Venice Interior design shop home. The work was irregular and

supply any of the products and hence make a living wage."

The breakthrough came in 1986 when she designed and furnished the interior of a show unit for a development in Croydon, Surrey, winning the contract by working on a very small margin. "I saw this as a loss-leader for future work," she says. The contract deposit was

used to open trade accounts but

cash flow was tight, especially as there was no opportunity to there were delays on the project.

Other building companies were impressed. Mrs Winston says: "I made a conscious decision to go for show house work as I thought this would be regular work, which was of utmost importance. I took a small serviced office and started to open more trade accounts so I could specify a wider range."

Margins are tight on contract work but leasing the shop in Little

Venice brought in profitable retail business. Turnover is £600,000 a year and she hopes to top £1 million in the next 12 months.

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While many small businesses are finding life tough in the present, economic climate, Mrs Winston is looking for High Street premises in the area. She says:
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Before Lord Justice Watkins and Mr Justice Nolan [Judgment February 15

The assumption in section 10(2) of the Road Traffic Act 1972, as substituted in Schedule 8 to the Transport Act 1981, that the proportion of alcohol in the accused's breath, blood or urine at the time of the offence was not less than in the specimen,

was irrebutable.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held in a reserved judgment in dismissing an appeal by way of case stated brought by the defendant, Wilsam Windover Millard, against the decision of the Guildhall Justices who, on June 19, 1989, convicted the defendant of driving a motor car on a road after ing a motor car on a mad after quantity that the proportion thereof in his breath exceeded the prescribed limit, contrary to section 6(1) of the Road Traffic

The justices fined the defendant £250, ordered him to pay £180 costs and disqualified him from driving for three years. Mr Jonathan S. Fisher for the efendant: Mr Peter Ader for

the prosecution. LOND JUSTICE WATKINS

aid that the justices found the following facts.
On December 1, 1988 the defendant was at lunch from 1.15pm to 3.45pm. During that time he are sandwiches and drank a bottle of white wise. He then returned to his office where e remained until 5.30pm.

Upon leaving his office he drove to a public house. Soon after 5.45pm he drank nearly all the bear.

Lymington, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Staughton and Lord Justice Farquharson

Security (Payments on Account, Overpayments and Recovery) Regulations (SI 1987 No 491)

was a transitional provision within the meaning of section 89(1) of the Social Security Act

1986 which, in modifying sec-tion 53(1) of that Act, enabled

the Secretary of State for Social

Services to recover from current

benefit, including supplementary benefit, overpayments of unemployment benefit determined due before the Act came

visional Court (Lord Justice

Mann and Mr Justice McCowan), (The Times January 27, 1989) that the regulation was

Section 53 of the Social

Security Act 1986 provides: "(1) Where it is determined that, whether fraudulently or other-

wise, any person has misrepre-sented, or failed to disclose, any material fact and in con-

sequence of the misrepresenta-

tion or failure — (a) a payment has been made in respect of a

benefit to which this section

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[Judgment February 6] Regulation 20(2) of the Social

ouse. When he had drunk most of a pint of beer, police officers spoke to him and invited him tourside. He went. He was asked to take a roadside breath test. He did and

it was positive. He was arrested and taken to a police station. At the police station he provided two specimens of breath into an Intoximeter device at about 7.15pm. The readings were identical, namely 56 micrograms of alcohol to 100 millitures of breath. About an hour later he provided a specimen of blood. When analysed it was found to contain 97 milligrams of alcohol

At the conclusion of the defendant's evidence it was submitted that the justices should hear expert evidence for the purpose of calculating retrospectively the effects of the whisky drunk prior to driving and the beer drunk by the defendant after driving.

It was contended on behalf of the prosecution that with regard to the whisky, following the decision in *Beauchamp-Thompson v DPP* ([1989] RTR 54), the justices should not receive evidence of the alcohol/breath ratio

The justices were of the opinion that by virtue of section 10(2) of the 1972 Act (as substituted) and the decision in Beauchamp-Thompson it was not open to them to allow evidence of retrospective

and drove his car to another parking place.

He returned to the public bits solicitor chose not to adduce such evidence They accordingly convicted the defendant.

the describent.

The question posed was whether on a charge of driving with alcohol concentration above the prescribed limit con-trary to section 6(1) of the 1972 Act (as substituted) a defer

Act (as superinted) a delentant might addoct (i) evidence of his consump-tion of alcohol prior to driving his vehicle and (ii) evidence of a medical and scientific nature to explain the effect of such alcohol consumption on the proportion of al-cohol in his breath, blood or urine at the time of driving for the purpose of establishing that at the time of driving the level of alcohol concentration was be-low the prescribed limit, not-withstanding that at the time the specimen was provided, the proportion of alcohol exceeded

the prescribed limit.

The essential question was whether the assumption which the justices were, in appropriate circumstances, called upon to as Mr Fisher said, the defen-

le quashed,
In support of his contention,
Mr Fisher relied on Cracknell v
Willis ([1988] AC 450).
In his Lordship's view,
Cracknell did not bolster his
proposition. In the present context, Cracknell was concerned
only with the right of a defendant to call evidence to destroy
the resumption that the device the presumption that the device into which samples of breath had been provided was reliable.

possibly be equated with the assumption in point in the present case.
Mr Fisher also scends connfort from Gumbley v Cunningham ([1989] AC 281). That was the

"back-calculation" case. There too the House of Lords was dealing with admissibility of evidence in a specific and confined context Lord Ackner's final observa-

tion (at p287) that "...it would ... be quite wrong to interpret the new statutory provisions as continuing to exclude evidence continuing to exclude evidence which is relevant to establishing the blood alcohol concentration at a time when the defendant was driving" could not be taken to be of general application. It clearly related only to the issue in that case and none other.

A case directly opposed to the defendant was Beauchamp-Thompson v DPP. Mr Fisher said that that decision was wrong in law and anyway was per incuriam because Cracknell

per incuriam because Cracknell had not been not cited to the But Cracksell was concerned with a different point, namely the calling of evidence to de-stroy the presumption of the reliability of the device. His Lordship considered Mr Fisher's submissions in relation to Beauchamp-Thompson

10(2) of the 1972 Act (as substituted), when it came to be made, was irrebutable. If it were not, section 10(2) would be, in part at any rate, a nonsensical part at any rate, a nonprovision. The appeal would be

Mr Justice Nolan agreed. Solicitors: Kingsley Napley; CPS, Inner London.

came into force on a given day not only did substantive pro-

visions come into force, but also repealing provisions.

to the effect on a case where some of the relevant facts land

Transitional provisions were

designed to resolve that diffi-culty. The new law and the regulations provided that over-

payment in past unemployment benefit might be recoverable from ourrent benefit, including

supplementary benefit where the determination occurred after section 53 had come into

Regulation 20(2) extended that to provide that there could

still be such a recovery if one material fact, the determination,

had taken place before action 53 had come into force. Thus regulation 20(2) regulated the effect of the statute where some

of the relevant facts had occ-urred before the commence-

In his Lordship's judgment in his Lordanip's judgment-regulation 20(2) was a transi-tional provision modifying sec-tion 53 which the secretary of state was entitled to make and

was therefore within the powers conferred by section 89(1).

His Lordship would dismiss

taken place before that date.

A difficulty could then arise as

Calculating average hourly pay rate

British Coal Corporation v Before Lord Bridge of Harwich. Lord Brandon of Oakbrook, Lord Griffiths, Lord Oliver of Aylmerton and Lord Lowry

[Speeches February 15]

In calculating an employee's average hourly rate of pay under paragraph 3(3) of Schedule 14 to the Employment Protection the Employment Protection (Consolidation) Act 1978 where the employee's pay var-ied with the amount of work done) the adjustment to be made under paragraph 5(2) of the Schedule to correct the distortion of the average pay for normal hours which would otherwise arise from the pay-ment of overtime rates was simply to define from the artisal remuneration any element of

Accordingly, it was not permissible for an employee who was paid a bonus for normal working hours but not for overtime to have his overtime earnings reduced to a normal working hours rate including the bonus.

(Lord Brandon and Lord Griffiths dissenting) in dismissing an appeal by Mr Alan Cheesbrough from the order of the Court of Appeal (Lord Donaldson of Lymington, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Mann) Nourse and Lord Justice Mann) Nourse and Lord Justice Mann) (The Times May 23, 1988; [1988] ICR 769) that the method of calculation used by his employers, British Coal, in calculating his redundancy payment under the 1978 was

The industrial tribunal and Employment Appeal Tribunal ([1988] ICR 60) had adopted methods of calculation resulting in a higher payment.

Mr John Hendy, QC and Mr Jeremy McMullen for Mr Cheesbrough; Mr Peter Gold-smith, QC and Mr Andrew Smith for British Coal.

LORD BRIDGE said that the notional amount of a week's pay was the basic building block to be used in calculating the amount not only of redundancy payments but also of guarantee payments to employees for workless days, of remuneration of employees suspended from work on medical grounds, of maternity pay, of payments in lieu of notice to employees dismissed without notice, of the basic award payable in compensation for unfair dis-missal and of payments in respect of lay-off and short time.

Hence the need to apply the complex provisions of Schedule 14 to a wide variety of different pay structures under different contracts of employment had to be a matter of frequent occurrence in the worlds of commerce

Those considerations gave the appeal an importance extending far beyond the ambit of the Paragraph 3 of the Schedule a person in Mr Cheesbrough's position who qualified for the maximum bonus he could earn normal working hours two quite distinct methods of calculating a week's pay.

week's pay.

If an employee's remuneration for employment in normal
working hours in the week was
unaffected by any variable element in the pay structure, a
week's pay was simply the
contractual amount payable for
the normal working hours in a
full week.

In that case any voluntary overtime earnings were simply ignored. That was the effect of

But if there was any variable element in an employee's remuneration dependent on results, for example piece rates, productivity bonus, commission and the like, the amount of a week's pay was to be calculated in accordance with paragrpahs 3(3) and 5. Paragraph 5 provided: "(2) Where, in arriving at the said

hourly rate of remuneration, account has to be taken of remuneration payable for, or apportionable to, work done in hours other than normal working hours, and the amount of that remuneration was greater than it would have been working hours, account shall be taken of that remuneration as if — (a) the work had been done in pormal working hours; and (b) the amount of that remunera-

the amount of that remunera-tion had been reduced accordingly."

The effect of paragraphs 3(3) and 5 was that in order to arrive at the "average hourly rate of remuneration" the total remuneration actually earned by the employee in the relevant period of 12 weeks had to be divided by the total number of bours actually worked, subject only to the adjustment required by paragraph 5(2).

The average hourty rate of

remuneration was then mul-tiplied by the normal working hours in a week to produce the amount of a week's pay.

Mr Cheesbrough's normal working week comprised five eight-hour shifts. In addition he regularly worked about 20 hours of voluntary overtime, for which he was paid the basic rate

plus 50 per cent. For each shift worked in his normal working hours he was entriled to a bonus, but no additional bonus was carried for any overtime worked. British Coal had proposed to

make a redundancy payment calculated on the basis that in order to arrive at his "average bourly rate of remuneration the only adjustment to be made to the figure of his total remuneration divided by total hours worked in the relevant period of 12 weeks was the deduction from the actual

method of calculation applied to position who quamed for the maximum bonus he could earn by working a full normal week of 40 hours and could earn no additional bonus in overtime had the effect that the greater the number of hours he had worked in overtime the smaller the amount of a week's pay would

Drittish Coal's submission was that the adjustment required by paragraph 5(2) was the deduc-tion from the total actual remuneration of the element of overtime premium, no more and no less.

and no less.

The submission of Mr
Cheesbrough was that the
calculation proceeded as follows: calculate the actual average hourly rate of
remuneration of whatever nature payable for, or
apportionable to, work done in
normal working hours; call that amount (a). Next calculate the actual av-

erage hourly rate of remunera-tion of whatever nature payable for, or apportionable to, work done in overtime hours; call that If (b) exceeded (a) deduct that

difference from the total actual remuneration as the numerator in the fraction to be calculated under paragraph 3(3). If (b) did not exceed (a), make so deduction.

On the language of paragraph 5(2) the assumption required by the hypothesis "as if [the work done in overtime hours] had been done in normal working hours" and that "remuneration had been reduced accordingly dictated at least the fiction that the amount of remuneration

The crucial question was whether the statutory hypoth-esis required a further and contervailing fictional assumpcontervating regional assump-tion that overtime work should be treated as having all other characteristics of the work done by the employee in normal working hours so far as they affected his remuneration. His Lordship could discover nothing in the language of paragraph 5(2) which required that further fictional assump-

tion to be made.
On the true construction of paragraph 5(2) the calculation of the average hourly rate of remuneration was in all cases to be made simply by deducting from actual remuneration any dement of overtime premium.

LORD GRIFFITHS, dissenting, said that he could not believe that it could have been the intention of Parliament that a man who was prepared to work overtime during the last 12 weeks of his employment should thereby reduce his entitlement to redundancy pay-ment so that he received a

any overtime.
It seemed to his Lordship that It seemed to his Lordship that paragraph 5(2) provided a very simple formula which worked as follows: first, calculate the hourly remuneration paid in overtime, that includes all elements of pay; second, calculate what the hourly remuneration would have been if the same work had been done under the same conditions in normal same conditions in normal working hours. Again, include all elements of the pay.

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stripping our the additional
hourly rate paid for overtime
because normally one would because normally one would expect that bonus, piece-work es, and so on, wou in overtime as well as in normal hours, and the only difference between overtime remuneration and normal working hours remuneration would be that, say, time-and-a-half was paid

for overtime.

However, because of the un-However, because or me un-usual nature of British Coal's bonus scheme the formula pro-vided by paragraph 5(2) could not be applied in the present case by simply stripping out the overtime hourly premium. Mr Cheesbrough's hourly remuneration in overtime did not entitle him to any bonus payment. His work during normal working hours. however, did attract a bonus and that bonus boosted his bourly rate of

Therefore the bonus had to be taken into the equation to calculate his hourly rate of remuneration in normal working hours. It was to that figure that the hourly rate of remuneration for overtime had

to be reduced. The Court of Appeal had apparently been impressed by the simplicity of British Coal's approach which was, in all cases, merely to strip out the hourly overtime premium which they thought would be a certain and easy formula for industry to

His Lordship had already pointed out that in the vast majority of cases, the formula provided by paragraph 5(2) would have that result. However, it did not have that result in the present case and he was might save the employer from some elementary mathematics. would result in obvious injus-

Lord Brandon serred with Lord Lowry delivered opinions concurring with Lord Bridge. Solicitors: Seifert Sedley Wil-liams; Mr Julian P. Collins.

able by or on behalf of the secretary of state in connection

Fleeting recognition It was not at all certain that previous sightings of a person could reader bis identification more reliable offer a theft where that purported identification at the time of the theft amounted

to no more than a glimpse.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Russell, Mr Justice Turner and Mr Justice Potts) so observed on February 8 in quashing the conviction of Ron-ald Ryan Etienne who was sentenced at Knightsbridge Crown Court (Judge Parker, QC) on August 2, 1989 to 18

months imprisonment for theft LORD JUSTICE RUSSELL said that a customer in a shop had her handbag snatched and the shopkeeners both caught a told police they were satisfied a lurking doubt as to the safety the appellant was the thief of the conviction.

representation or failure to

Section 89 provides: "(1) Regulations may make such transitional and consequential provision (including provision modifying any enactment con-tained in this or any other Act) or saving as the secretary of state considers necessary or expedi-ent in preparation for or in connection with the coming into force of any provision of this Act or the operation of any enactment which is repealed or amended by a provision of this amended by a provision of this Act during any period when the repeal or amendment is not

wholly in force. Regulation 20 of the 1987 Regulations provides: "(2) Sec-The Court of Appeal so held dismissing Mr Alan Britnell's appeal from the decision of the tion 53(7) and (9) (recovery by deductions from benefit and recovery through the county court or sheriff court) and Part VII of these Regulations (the process of recovery) shall apply to any amount recoverable or repayable under any enactment repealed by the Act or any Regulations revoked by these Regulations as if it was an

amount recoverable under section 53(1)." Mr Stephen Sedley, QC and Mr Andrew Watson for Mr Britnell; Mr David Pannick for the secretary of state.

STAUGHTON said that in 1975 it had been determined

because they had seen him before. He had been in their

shop a number of times during

the previous month.

The trial judge had given an

appropriate warning to the jury of the dangers of convicting on weak identification evidence.

It could not be gainsaid that the quality of the shopkeepers' identification was fragile. It was no more than a fleeting glimpse, It was the sort of identification

where missakes could be made.

The court was not at all sur

that previous sightings of the suspect could render the identi-fication more reliable if the

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This had amounted to no

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recognition. It left the court with

Retrospective recovery of benefit is lawful Regina v Secretary of State for Social Services, Ex parte Brituell services, Ex parte Brituell services, Ex parte Brituell services, Ex parte Brituell services, Ex parte which he would not have made or any sum which he would steps were taken to recover the overpayment thereafter. At that the received but for the mistage of the Rolls.

the recovery from supple mentary allowance. In April 1987 the new Social Security Act 1986 came into force and the secretary of state decided that the remaining sums would be recovered from Mr Britnell's supplementary

Mr Sedley had submitted that under the old law there were two separate systems of social bene-fit and that overpayments in respect of unemployment bene-fit (provided under one system) were not recoverable from supplementary benefit (pro-vided under the other).

in respect of a determination made after the section had come into force, the secretary of state might deduct from both The question was whether the outstanding amount could be recovered from Mr Britnell's supplementary benefit in re-

His Lordship said that in so far as section 53 was concerned,

spect of a determination made before April 1987. In considering the statutory provisions the issue was therefore whether regulation 20(2) had been validly made under section 39(1) of the 1986 Act which empowered the secretary of state to make transitional and consequential. consequential provisions, and

A two-axled rigid motor lorry

was a heavy motor car for the purposes of regulation 12 of the Motorways Traffic (England and Wales) Regulation (SI 1982 No 1163), as substituted by the Motorways Traffic (England

Motorways Traffic (England and Wales) (Amendment) Regulations (SI 1983 No 374)

and was thus prohibited from using the right hand or offside lane of a three-lane carriageway.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court (Lord Justice Mann and Mr Justice Brooke)

so held on February 13 in

dismissing an appeal by way of case stated by Neil Terence McCrory against his conviction

St Albans Justices for driving the right-hand lane of the

category.

regulation 20(2) was within that ategory.
In considering what was neant by "transitional" his

Lorry third-lane ban

McCray v Director of Public said that it was argued that as the vehicle came within the description of a goods vehicle

12(1)(a).

The Master of the Rolls and Lord Justice Farquharson

Solicitors: Sinclair Taylor & Martin, North Kensington, for Mr C. P. Spencer, Manchester; Solicitor, DHSS.

but its operating weight was below 7.5 tonnes it was not prohibited from using the out-side lane under regulation

However, his Lordship was

impelled to the conclusion that the vehicle was a heavy motor

car as defined by section 136(3) of the Road Traffic Regulation

Act 1984 and thus came under

The appellant had argued that the effect of adopting that approach was to make regula-

His Lordship readily accepted that regulation 12 could have

been drafted in a different way

However, taking it as it stood there was no doubt that the

regulation 12(1)(d).

tion 12(1)(a) otiose.

[Judgment February 2]

figure arrived at months earlier was not the occurrence of a "new event" that invalidated had made his order. The former husband had not established a ground on which the court could exercise its discretion to grant him leave to appeal out of time against the valuation.

The Court of Appeal so held in dismissing an appeal by the husband, Mr Norman Ed-monds, from the decision of Judge Murray Band, QC, in Croydon County Court in August 1988 refusing him leave to appeal out of time against a registrar's valuation made in ancillary relief proceedings brought by the wife, Mrs Janet

House price increase is not a 'new event'

Edmunds v Edmunds Before Lord Junice Nouran and Lord Justice Butler-Sloss

Miss Jane Mishcon for the husband. Mr J. H. Shaw for the

LORD JUSTICE BUTLER-SLOSS said that the proceedings concerned the former matrimonial home of a couple who had divorced in 1987 At the hearing of the wife's application for ancillary relief in May 1987, a registrar had ordered the transfer of the home

to her on payment to the husband of a lump sum equal to one-fifth of its gross value less Having found that the wife The sale of a former matri- wanted to stay in the house, the

monial home by a former wife at registrar delayed the payment of a price that substantially exthat lump sum for a year. December 4, 1987 only as to valuation of the house, the registrar, upholding his May decision, arrived at a figure of

The wife had called the same surveyor to give expert evidence on value at each of those hearings. The husband called no expert but had always insisted that the value was greater -£107,000 he had contended in December 1987 - and that planning permission could be obtained in respect of it. In obtained in respect of it. In March 1988 he had obtained outline planning permission. The wife then changed ber

mind about wishing to live in the house and placed it on the market for £110,000. She obtained a buyer at that price and place in August 1988. The husband applied for leave to appeal out of time against the

order of the registrar made on December 4, 1987. His application was refused by Judge Murray Band on August 19, 988. Miss Mishcon contended, inter alia, that he should have

leave to appeal on the ground

since the making of the order which invalidated the basis on which the registrar had made his order so that any appeal was certain or very likely to succeed.

She relied on Barder v Columni ([1988] AC 20, 43) and to dicta of Lord Brandon of Oakbrook "properly exercise its discretion to grant leave to appeal out of time from an order for financial provision or property transfer made after a divorce on the ground of new events, provided that certain conditions are sat-isfied . . . that new events have

occurred since the making of the order which invalidate the basis, or fundamental assumption upon which the order was made. so that, if leave to appeal out of time were to be given, the appeal would be certain, or very likely It was not possible to say what

effect the grant of planning permission had on the purchase price. The husband, however, would not be able to satisfy a court that the valuation in December 1987 was wrong. Miss Mishcon relied heavily on the Court of Appeal decision

in Warren v Warren ((1983) 4 FLR 529) where an appeal was allowed to be brought following a gross error in valuing a matrimonial home. That de-cision depended very much on its own facts. Here the events leading up to the sale at £110,000 were not on the facts new events within the

Lord Brandon.
In particular the valuations relied on by the registrar had not been properly tested by the husband. It did not lie in his mouth today to seek to rely on that absence of expert evidence. ie of the cases cited Lord Brandon, nor on the facts of Barder itself, had the party applying for relief had the opportunity to avoid the false assumption.

The judge had been entirely right to hold that the case did

not come within the first con-dition in Barder and to refuse to give leave for reconsideration of the registrar's December 1987 order. LORD JUSTICE NOURSE agreeing, said that it was important to emphasize that, be-

fore the registrar, the husband, while stating his belief as to the value of the house at the time, had not called expert evidence, to support that belief. Having omitted to call such

evidence and thus to take the only step which could have questioned the valuation, the husband could not afterwards say that the valuation had been validated by a sale with planning permission at £110,000, being a price of the order which he himself had oreseen.

Solicitors: Hallewell Bunyard, Highbury: Spencer Gibson &

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Rost v Edwards and Others Before Mr Justice Popplewell [Judgment February 1] The Register of Members' Interests (HC 115), published by resolution of the House of Commons, did not fall within

Parliament". Mr Justice Popplewell so held in a reserved judgment in the Queen's Bench Division in rul-(Erewash, C) to give evidence as to the criteria for registration of members' interests, the nature of his consultancies and the reason why he had not reg-istered his interests in certain organizations, in his libel action against Mr Robert Edwards, a journalist. Mr Peter Preston Editor of The Guardian and Guardian Newspapers Ltd.

Mr Richard Hartley, QC and Mr Andrew Caldecott for the plaintiff, Mr Desmond Browne for defendants: Sir Nicholas Lyell, QC. Solicitor General and Mr Philip Havers as *amucii*

MR JUSTICE POPPLE-WELL said that the plaintiff was claiming damages for a libel which arose out of an article published by *The Guardian* on December 15, 1988.

At the time the plaintiff was a Member of Parliament and a member of the House of Comergy. He was a consultant to two organizations connected with

The article was alleged to mean that the plaintiff was improperly seeking to sell privileged and confidential information obtained by him as a

mittee on Energy to Danish district heating companies for substantial personal gain and was thereby guilty of a gross breach of parliamentary privilege and of confidence. The defendants denied that

the article was capable of having defendants pleaded that the article was true in substance and in fact and alleged that the meaning to be attached to the article was that the plaintiff's conduct in seeking to capitalize financially on his expertise, experience and influence gained as a MP and as a member of the select committee gave rise to a select committee gave rise to a legitimate cause for concern about the role of paid par-liamentary lobbyists.

As part of the particulars of their justification the defen-dants said that MPs were cants said that MPs were obliged to provide to the Register of Members' Interests, information concerning any pecuniary interest or other material benefit received which might be thought to affect their their actions, speeches or votes. Among the classes of pecuniary interests and material benefits required to be disclosed

ments or offices. The defendants contended that the plaintiff's parliamentary consultancies to Grafton Interaction and the Major Energy Users Council were of a nature which might be thought to affect his conduct as a MP and/or influence his actions, speeches or votes; and that he should have disclosed those consultancies to the

It became clear after the

Register.

initial submissions of counsel that the question of par-liamentary privilege might be involved and the case was adjourned so the court could ask for the assistance of the Attorney General in resolving the conflict between the privileges of Parliament and the rights of parties freely to present their case in court.

The court thus had the advantage of submissions by the Solicitor General as well as argument for the two protagonists in the litigation On the question of the Mem-

bers' Register of Interests the parties to the litigation were substantially in agreement and took a view contrary to the submission made by the Solicitor General. Mr Hartley's intention was to explain to the jury, through his client and from extracts from Erskine May, Parliamentary Practice what the Register of Members' Interests was, what were the critieria for registration

and what therefore the plaintiff was required to disclose and what he in fact did. Those, Mr Hartley submitted, were mere questions of fact which did not involve impeach-ing the proceedings of the House or affect the dignity of the

Mr Browne submitted, inter alia, that the obligation to register did not come within the phrase "proceedings in Parliament". The submission of the Solicitor General was that the Register of Members' Interests and the practice and procedure relating thereto formed a part of the

evidence thereof could not be

He observed that the House

had set up its own select committee to adjudicate on whether members had hilfilled their obligations in regard to registration.
He accepted that the Register

was a public document which could be scrutinised by the Press but submitted that did not of tself mean that it was outside the definition. He accepted that the Register could properly be commented on by the Press but that it was not for the courts to adjudicate

on a matter for the Committee of Privileges. Mr Browne drew attention to that "proceedings" governed what was said or done in the House by a MP in relation to the exercise of his function as a member of the House or one its committees in its transaction of parliamentary business He invited the court to draw a

something which was ancillary to and not an incident of parliamentary proceedings as The Solicitor General ob-served that the expression "proceedings in Parliament" had not yet been defined either by statute or by case law.

distinction between that and

However, he submitted that it embraced the various forms of business in which either Hou took action and the whole process by which either House reached a decision in particular debate, things said or done by an MP in the exercise of his function as a Member in a committee of either House and everything said or done in either House in the transaction of parliamentary business.

His Lordship's approach was

There were clearly cases

where Parliament was to be the sole judge of its affairs. Equally there were clear cases where the courts were to have exclusive In a case which might be described as a grey area, a court, while giving full attention to the

necessity for comity between the courts and Parliament, should not be astute to find a reason for ousting the jurisdiction of the court and for limiting or even defeating a proper claim by a party to litigation before it. If Parliament wished to cover a particular area with privilege it had the ability to do so by passing an Act of Parliament giving itself the right to excluve jurisdiction.
Ousting the jurisdiction of the

court had always been regarded as requiring the clearest possible words. Nothing in the authorities in any way covered the instant situation. It was true that courts had over the years enlarged the definition of "proceedings" from the formal speeches in the House to other matters. But there were plently of areas which

were not covered by "proceed-ings in Parliament". It was clearly not possible to arrive at an exhaustive defi-nition. In the result, his Lord-ship concluded that claims of privilege in respect of the Reg-ister of Members' Interests did not fail within the definition of "proceedings in Parliament" and accordingly it was open to the plaintiff to give the evidence that he sought to do in relation to the registration of members' interests and it was open to the defendants to challenge that

evidence. Solicitors: Peter Carter-Ruck & Partners; Lovell White Durrant; Treasury Solicitor.

Two-year limit for director ban Official Receiver v Nixon Before Lord Justice Dillon, Lord Justice Woolf and Lord Justice McCowan

[Judgment February 5] Where the appointment of an administrative receiver was followed shortly by the liquidation of a company, an application under section 6 of the Company Directors Disqualification Act 1986 for the making of a disqualification order against a director of the company was time barred by section 7(2) of the Act as the application was made more than two years after

the appointment of the adminit was immaterial that the application was made less than two years after the date of the liquidation as time ran from the first of the events specified in section 6(2) which occurred in a particular case.

The Court of Appeal so held in dismissing an appeal by the Official Receiver from the dismissal on May 10, 1989 by Mr Justice Peter Gibson of an appeal by the Official Receiver from Mr Registrar Buckley who had held that an application for a disqualification order against Mr David Henry Nixon, FCA, a been made out of ume.

The court also dismissed an appeal by the Official Receive brought direct from the

Section 6 of the 1986 Act provides: "(1) The court shall make a disqualification order against a person in any case where, on an application under this section, it is satisfied - (a) that he is or has been a director of a company which has at any time become insolvent . . and

(b) that his conduct as a director ... makes him unfit to be concerned in the management

of a company.
"(2) For the purposes of this becomes insolvent if — (a) the company goes into liquidation at a time when its assets are insufficient for the payment of its debts and other liabilities and the expenses of the winding. the expenses of the winding up, (b) an administration order is made in relation to the company, or (c) an administrative receiver of the company is appointed. . "

appointed. ."

By section 7: "(2) Except with the leave of the court, an application for the making under [section 6] of a disqualification order against any person shall not be made after the end of the period of two years beginning with the day on which the company of which that person is or has been a director became insolvent."

Mr Arthur Charles for the Official Receiver, Mr Edward Bannister for Mr Nixon.

LORD JUSTICE DILLON said that an administrative receiver was appointed on September 24, 1986. A compulsory winding-up order was made on November 10, 1986. The application for a discussification order was produced to the condition of the september 2018. qualification order was made on November 8, 1988. The short point was whether

having been made more than two years after the first date. even though it was made less than two years from the second His Lordship could see the force of arguments that if after a

at application was out of time,

then (perhaps years later) be-came insolvent again, a fresh two-year period should commence, under section 7(2). However, in the present case the appointment of the admin-istrative receiver was speedily

followed by the company being put into liquidation, and there was no basis for suggesting realistically that the company was solvent between the two Parliament could have framed the Act so as to make it clear that time ran from any of the events mentioned in section 6(2). But it was plain from the use of the words "has ... become insolvent" and "be-

the first such event to occur in a particular case. Although, as was indicated by section 7(1), the object of providing for disqualification orders was to protect the public, a section 6(1) application was a burden on the person sought to be disqualified, and the position of the Official Receiver was protected by the proviso at the beginning of section 7(2).

came insolvent" that it ran from

LORD JUSTICE WOOLF. concurring, said that the section 7(2) limit applied to a particular episode of insolvency. If after regaining health a company became insolvent again, a fur-ther two-year period would

LORD JUSTICE McCOWAN, also concurring said that the decisive point was that section 7(2) referred to "the day" on which the company became insolvent, not "any

Solicitors: Treasury Solicitor; Judge Sykes & Harrison.

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The man whose talent reduces other men to mere males

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BOXING

Stretch in

line for

world title

challenge

By Bryan Stiles An all-British world title bout is

An all-British world the bont is in prospect following the ease with which Gary Stretch, the elegant British light-middle-weight champion, took the World Boxing Council (WBC) International crown at the

London Arena on Wednesday

He will meet his make mate. Chris Pyatt, in a full world championship bout this au-tumn, if Frank Warren, their

Stretch, who did not en-

counter too much trouble in deflecting the bull-like charges of the Argentinian, Ramon Ale-

gre, to take the vacant Inter-national title, will be fed a diet of tough American opponents to prepare him for the task.

Pyant is ranked No. 2 in the WBC ratings and Warren is hoping that the Leicester boxer will have lifted the title well

before the autumn, opening the way for a challenge from Streech. If this does not materi-

Feherty is growing up again after his

Golf Correspondent

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Feberty continued here yesterday when, with a first round of 68, he moved into contention for the Australian Masters on the Huntingdale

so ago that I was wondering why I was tormenting myself

his own failings in terms of attitude as he slipped into a decline after victories in 1986 in the Italian Open and the Bell's Scottish Open. "Some-times grown men can become juveniles and that is what I was like on the golf course." Feherty said. "I would be my own worst enemy by forever criticizing myself. Now I don't expect anything from myself except for my attitude to

Card of course Hele Yda Pur Hela Yde Par Out 3,453 37 in 3,452 36

"I spent hours, no, months, no, years - 2½ years in all - lenged Clayton, whose nine working with Bob before it all started to fit into place."

Feherty said. "I just wanted to been for missing five purts of the started to been for missing five purts of the started to been for missing five purts of the started to been for missing five purts of the started to been for missing five purts of the started to been for missing five purts of the started to been for missing five purts of the started to be a st learn how to hit the ball Correctly. Then last July in the Uster Open in Lisburn I shot with astonishing ease. Ulster Open in Lisburn I shot 28 under par and I won. It wasn't a tour event but it was

Since then Feherty has finished fourth in the Bell's I look like Seve putting. It Scottish Open, sixth in the Seems to work."

Open Championship, only four strokes adrift of Mark

Order Strokes adrift of Mark Calcavecchia, and won the BMW International Open at Munich. He finished a bestever tenth in the Volvo Order of Merit with winnings of

Feberty arrived here from South Africa, where last week he was runner-up to the American, Jim Daly, in the Charity Classic event in Johannesburg, "I should have

Whale of a task for

By Sally Journ

Male

Today and on Sunday, at Manchester and London (Queen's Circh respectively, the first-ever Lacuair world rackets doubles championship will be played over two legs as a head-to-head between the top assesser pairing of the world champion, James Male, and John Prosos, and the United States open doubles champions, Neil Smith, of Queen's, and Shanson Hazell, from Chilms, who are professionals.

It will be Male's first his test one green in regulation, the 2nd, where he holed from 14 feet to salvage his par. Faldo likewise made few errors, which impressed Mitchell Spearman, who has travelled here as second in command to Leadbetter to monitor the swing of the Master golfer. David would have been proud of the way he hit the

tee to green. He missed only

all," Spearman said.

Faldo would have chal-

less than eight feet for birdies.

"I've changed my putting grip by studying Seve Balles-

teros," Clayton said. "I stand

over the ball now and imagine

ing champion, began with a 68, although alongside him Russell Claydon, runner-up last year, was required to hole

from 30 feet for a birdie at the

18th for a 75. His hopes of

another glorious start evaporated at the 4th, where he took

seven after leaving one shot in

a bunker and clipping his next

and Sunday for prize-money pet up by Shearson, Lehman and Hutton. The first prize is \$162,000 (about £108,000) and

nament Players' Championship courses in 12 states and the concept of better viewing for spectators from high mounds

built around the turns and finishes has proved successful in

professionals.

It will be Male's first big test since making his correback after an eight-mouth iny-off during which he concentrated with spectacular success on real tennis, reaching the final of the French Open in his first full season of serious competition and taking the world No. 1, the explorant Amstralian, Lackie Deuchus, to a thrilling fivo-setter before losing 6-5 in the limit set.

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A victory in the world recision doubles will be yet another some on the read to his mubition of winning the rackets and real tennis world singles championships, a feat last achieved by the brilliant Howard Angas. hips, a sear max manaver of rilliant Howard Angus.

Of all the contenders, he has

Of all the contenders, he has by far the most distinguished perfigree, excelling at virtually every ball game he has taken up. He is arguably the greatest racket-sports player of his generation. Most aportunen most dread Make taking up their favourite game as he becomes se good so quickly.

As a richly talented youngaing growing up in a close-lost least-parties in Herthreshire, he was almost spoilt for choice, since games came so easily to him;

games came so easily to him; and he pussessed a finantical will to win which first showed that?

in ferocass thatrume and racket-throwing.

The latter became so premounced that a Slazenger representative once threatened to take away his supply of free rackets unless he learnet to control his
temper, Despite his fiery repuistion, he played for England in
junior tenuis internationals from
his early teems and was strongly
tempted to turn professional
after incrative offers of sports
scholarships from several
American universities, a temptation he only resisted after his
father, a quantity surveyer, ad-

Under the trition of the Radley professional, Mick Denn, rackets really captured Male's immediations and he wen must of the hig material schools titles, already looking a poten-tial world champion. He also tried resident on the Marten College court at Oxiera with Dean, an outstanding doubles player, and his fellow-Radleian, Julian Snow, now the world's

At this stage, real tennis was only an occasional pastine for Male and when he left actual to trained hard for rackets during a recontion of City John, first as a trainer immunity broker and

RUGBY LEAGUE

Russians

start on

firm rock

By Keith Machin The most remarkable aspect of

the most remarkable aspect of the newly amounced formation of the Soviet Union Rugby League was the fact that, in the best traditions of cloak-and-dagger diplomacy, the dis-cussions and decisions were

cussions and decisions were kept secret for nearly a year.
Normally, the fact that seri-ous negotiations were taking place between Britain and the Soviet Union at a sporting level would have leaked out a none

stage, with media men getting some wind of what was happen

ing, particularly as there was considerable interplay and

novement between Moscow and league officials in Leeds and

bhilf and secrecy that proved to be in the best interests of the

game. Premature release of the story might have caused a

and South Africa have foundered.

The news has been greeted with enthesisten and admira-

far-ranging expansion. Never-theless, the Russian dev-

tion, but also with some m

someone so unorthoder, who got almost everything back," he soid. "In the final he was pretty ner was because he didn't know where the ball was coming from, Rackets is such a fast game, it gives you a very quick eye, so, playing real tensie, you have far sore time. I let the self double-banded both either the self double-banded both either the which you ande up later.

Male is the perfect ambendar is the fern and for his sport, his boyish charm making kim the personification of the handsome, clean-limbed assessments.

shot most players could scarcely have touched, I saw that control amply

taken a level-headed estimate to his success and services it party to his widdy marthedax, and-destrous style.

"I think Lachie and the others found it very off-patting to play

In his spare time, Male follows a punishing routine of on-court practice, running, working on an exercise bike and "shadowing" on the squash court to improve his already legendary fitness and speed of lime.

because it always suddens me to see people not using their talents to the full. I suppose I have sacrificed quite a lot in my personal life for this — but I only

tion he only resisted after his father, a quantity surveyer, advited caution and several him towards a City cureer.

During his time at Radiey College, he became the classic all-rounder, playing in his school first team at regby, crickets, aquash, tesmis, rackets and hockey, h which he also slayes are Oxfornacher and for barrier to be survey to be survey to be survey thing back," he series training and competition than most besses, but still gives you a very quick eye, to playing the later than most besses, but still provided the survey of the survey quick eye, to playing real termits, we have far a playing real termits, we have far and an exercise bile and an exercise bil for Warburg Scanities under Garth Milleo, a former rackets champion, who has more sym-pathy with the demands of top-cises training and competition than most bosses, but still lands that all work missed is

> think gives me a lot more power and control."
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> As Male lengt three feet in the air to crash down an extraorther specialization, straight out of the pages of Bay's Own Paper. Despite the sensation he caused at the French Open, nearly winning at the game in which, periods counted, it takes 10 years to make a player, Male takes a level-headed unitable to his success and ascribes it purely to his widdly marthadax, ambi-destroug style.

Presen, a former world rackets

"My main alm," he said, "is to reach my full potential ever play games to win and it still but sme to lose. If I do, I simply go out and work a bit butter."

The ortablished stars of the real teams circuit have been

NON-LEAGUE FOOTBALL

Squad changes anticipated

laying on the first goal for Bancroft, of Kidderminster Har-

raised more questions than it answered. Bancroft's goal was

the FA side's only shot of the first half against decidedly

mediocre opponents, and the forward later went off with a

facial injury. Grainger, the Telford United midfield player, was outstanding until his dis-minal in the second half for a

foul which led to Tatham, the

students' defender, being carried

Cooke, the Kettering Town and former Millwall forward,

off on a strencher

The final England squad of non-League players for the semi-professional international professional international against Italy on February 25 may bear little relation to the squad of 16 announced this week. About half the players are still involved in the FA Trophy, the third round of which will be played the day before, and will be withdrawn if their teams remire them for replayer; initially and their teams remire them for replayer; initially and the professional agents and the professional agents are the professional agents.

be withdrawn if their teams require them for replays; injuries and suspensions are also likely to take their toll.

Tony Jeanings, the England manager, has a shadow squad of a dozen players he intends to put on stand-by on the Saturday—the team files out on Sunday morning—should they be required. "I fear the aquad to that which we named this week," he said.

Jeanings is resigned to losing Actioned, the Redbridge Forest midfield player, to suspension following his dismissal on Saturday. Ashford may also miss the international against Wessein March.

in March.
England's opportunities for forward planning were scarcely enhanced by Wednesday might's trial match. A Football Association XI, containing several and former Miliwall forward, adds some experience to the squad as the leading GM Vanchall Conference score this sesson. Furlong, of Enfield, is called to the squad for the first time, as is Skivington, the Barrow defender. If he is free, Jennings intimated that Skivington would play, making him the first player from his club to win international homours.

ICE HOCKEY

OTHER SPORT

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BNOLAND SOUAD: A Page (Entick), J McKenne (Boston Unisol); P Shardini (Boston Unisol), D Howell (Errisch), P Watte (Packvidge Forest), P Grideleit (Barnet), P Benezuet (Iddicerreleiter Harri-ers), G Skirkington (Barrow), S Brooks (Chelbarham Town), G Stepace (Al-troduces), A Joseph (Richard, P Forest (Frideric), M Carter (Palmonn, M Andreas last minute, then proceeded to play a scrappy game against a British colleges and polytechnics side at VS Rugby.

The FA side woo 2-0, with Clarko, the Barnet forward, largers on the first and for riers, then scoring the second himself. But the game probably Six goals scored in the space of 24 minutes returned Dar of 24 minutes returned Darling-ton to the top of the GM Vauxhall Conference at the

Feethams on Tuesday. Cork, the joined Darlington from Scun-thorpe in the summer, scored four times. The side moves two points clear of Barnet Steve Powell, who made 365 appearances for Derby County,

is to become player-manager of Burton Albion, of the Beazer Homes League.

Stafford Rangers have amounted provisional plans to

nounced provisional plans to sell their ground at Marston Road in favour of a purpose-built stadium close to the town

centre.

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Derlingtor; Telford United or Altrinchers v
Hortswich Victorie; Boeton United v
Viycombe Vianderur; Yeovil Town v
Bernet.

Attaches to be played in the week
commencing March 5.

TABLE TENNIS Parker puts

his faith in experience

Donald Parker, the England team captain, has selected his strongest squad for the seven-teenth European champion-

will be looking to better their finish two years ago, when they were beaten by Sweden in the Farker has selected the four leading England players — Alan Cooke, Carl Prean, Desmond Douglas and Skylet Andrew.

The women's team, captained by Jill Hammersley-Parker, the former European champion, is made up of Alison Gordon, Lis Louis, Flora Elliot and Andrea Holt. The train events will be played from April 8 to 11 with the competition for individuals running from April 13 to 16.

alize Suesch could find hinnelf challenging for either the World Boxing Association or International Boxing Federation championships by the autumn. Stretch's performance on Wednesday was not without its critics, bowever. Jimmy Tibbs, his experienced trainer, got cross with him for losing concentration and at times allowing himself to be dragged drawn to Alexan's level of carefits. down to Alegre's level of crudity

more than the 25th place he has been allotted in the rankings. He sported the inelegance of the low-life bar room brawler, using his face like a battering ram to try to knock the stuffing out of retch's gloves. To his credit he was courageous and ever-wil-ing, but he swung haymakers from behind the saloon bar that rarely found their target.

His trouble was that he often

had too much courage for his own safety and the referce, Arthur Mercante, of the United States, rightly denied him the indignity of being knocked out by calling off the bout as Alegre sat, panting on his stool after the

Alegre had no hope of win-ning, having surrendered all six rounds by a wide margin. He was getting caught regularly and the referee could see he was losing his bearings as the pounding took its toll.

He also lost his gum shield

twice and under a new WBC rule the referee had to stop the bout while it was replaced. It enabled the Argentinian to re-Stretch barrage in the fourth round and clearly is a rule that is open to abuse, although seemed involuntary in Alegr

The encounter did, however prove that Stretch has learned how to handle the rough stuff handed out by the tough South Americans. He has become quite adept at roughing up opponents in a brawl,

Change of emphasis for Reefer

By Srikmar Sea Boxing Correspondent

The failure of Mark Reefer in his super-featherweight European title bout against Daniel Loudas, of France, at Brentwood on Wednesday evening could cause the Bethnal Green boxer to give up his Commonwealth title and go back to being a lightweight.

After being prevented from coming out for the eighth round because of two bad cuts beside his eyes, Reefer said he would try his luck in the heavier division. But have be believe her bel division. Perhaps he believes he will fare better at a more comfortable weight.

"It looks as though I am going to have to give up my Common wealth title as I am going back to lightweight," be said. "Making 9st 4lb is proving too much for me. Not that I want to make that

an excuse. Londas is the best fighter I have met."

The decision was made without, consulting his manager, Barry Hearn, who has plans for his title defence in May. Clearly, who have some talking to do the two have some talking to do. Reefer must realize that this comprehensive defeat against a 36-year-old veteran, who had already failed in a world title

bout, leaves him very little hope of progressing in the super-featherweight division. The lightweights are even harder men than Londas but if Reefer is unhappy at the weight there seems no other way out. Receive believes that if Londas can box so well at 36 he too has

time to succeed; he is only 25. He has overlooked the fact, however, that Londas, from Martinique, was always a very good boxer and technically far superior than Reefer, as he showed at Brentwood. Even Hearn had to say, "Londas is a

Johnny Nelson, the Sheffield cruiserweight who in his world title bout against Carlos DeLeon, of Puerto Rico, three weeks ago, gave an exhibition of boxing's equivalent of syn-chronized swimming, was also back in action at Brentwood.

This time he landed more punches in the first round than he did in the 12 rounds of his world title bout but he was not able to put away Dino Homesy, an inoffensive and inept American, until the seventh round.

Homesy had given Nelson a Valentine card at the weigh-in

and had told him that he would not hit him if Nelson did likewise. Just before the bout Homesy came into the ring dressed as a butler and presented Nelson with two red roses. For this kindness he received a clout across the earhole with the first blow of the bout that sent him to the floor. Thereafter poor Dino was hounded round the ring and

lapse into juvenility by striking the ball well from

The rehabilitation of David

Michael Clayton, an Australian whose one success on the PGA European Tour was in the Timex Open in 1984, showed a clean pair of heels to his rivals with a 64, which equalled the course record established in 1985 by Bernhard Langer.

Feherty was delighted to emulate Nick Faldo, who also took 68, in not dropping a shot to par. "It is only 15 months or by carrying on," Feherty said.

What annoyed Feherty was

Feherty has prospered by Working with Bob Torrance, although, like Faldo with David Leadbetter, he was required to examine his patience on the practice range

a outsider and chipping his heat.
30 yards over the green.
LEADING FIRST-ROUND SCORES (Australian unless stated): 64: M Clayton.
62: 18 state-Finch. 67: S Poblason. O Ecob. M Bradley. 68: K Dutes. B Andrews. G Joyner, G Norman. D Februry (CSB). N Faldo (GB). 88: C Strange (US). A Pictor. L. Stephan. P Fowler. F Noble (NZ). P O'Natley. S Bann. R Gittey. R Davis. Other scores includes: 76: R Claydon (GB). S Dodd" (GB). Players' hopes under wraps From John Ballantine, San Diego

Payte Stewart, wearing his thickest plus-fours and his heaviest tertan pullover as protection against the bitter wind, was among the most fishioushle of the competitors when the \$900,000 San Diego Open got under way on the two public courses, the North and the South, at Torrey Pines here vesterday. Couples, whose great power made him one of the pretournament favourites, said.
Mark O'Mears, who, a fortnight ago, won on windy Pebble Beach, would also have been worth a bet had he not been suffering from a sore neck. Mark Calcavecchia, the Open champion, and several other leading players who opted to rest this week, must have been congratulating themselves on their timing as a band of Arctic Byery other winter weather device used by British golfers from Aberdeen to Corawall were in evidence; woollen hats weather swept over southern California. Tom Watson, a for-pact winner here, withdrew for unspecified personal reasons. rammed down over the cars, longiohas and even fieery pyja-mas worn imder several sweat-ers and rain suits, ski gloves and mittens, taken off only between

"The trick in winning here is to shoot a really low score on the easier, shorter North," Fred

two of the area winners this year, Robert Gamez and Tommy Armour, may make serious challenges and show that their initial victories were not finder. Talks have been going on, meanwhile, between city and Tour officials about building a new players "stadium" course, to which this event would move in three or four years' time.

There are now 21 Tour-

Buch of the 158 professionals and two local amateurs have to play the 6,659-yard North course and then the longer South before 70 qualifiers play

the final 36 holes on Saturday

MOTOR RACING Lotus rise to the challenge

The Camel Loins team's new car for the 1990 Formula One season was unveiled at the team's headquarters in Norfolk yesterday and will take part in its first circuit tests in Estoril,

The Lotus-Lamborghini 102 is a logical development of the type 101 Judd-powered car raced last season. The main hanges have centred on installing and cooling the more power-ful and longer V12 engine and providing more cockpit room for the team's new drivers,

Derek Warwick and Martin The Formula One Lotus has

also been alimmed down in an attempt to get it to the start line as close as possible to the minimum permissible weight limit, this despite the heavier engine and the larger radiators which have had to be incorporated into the cooling system. Frank Dernie, the engineering director, set a target for a five per cent reduction in weight of all components which proved trouble free last year. Even Warwick's helmet has not es-

weight having been saved by borrowing the manufacturer's moulds and building him a special helmet The smaller cross-section of

the V12 engine, compared with the V8, means that the mono-coque is slimmer behind the driver, enabling the rear wing to operate more efficiently, and the crease in wheel base has been kept down to approximately two inches by shortening the dis-tance between the engine and the new Lotus-designed six-speed transverse gearbox.

France emerging as a world force

From Sydney Friskie Lahore

The Australia coach, Frank Murray, who is not usually enerous with his compliments, lescribed France as a world force in hockey, and their 2-1 defeat yesterday of India added

director:

World Cap tourns here.

France had previously made only one appearance in the World Cup series, the inaugural event in 1971 at Barcelona where, oddly enough, they finished in seventh place above Australia, winners of the trophy for the first time at the 1986 townsent in London. ournament in London.

weight to his assessment at the end of the fourth day's play in

There have been 23 meetings en France and India and India have won on 18

The Territorial women's under-18 tournament starts at Bodmin today with the winners and numers-up from last year in Blackpool, North and South respectively, both having four players left from 1989 (Joyce Whitehead writes). The South also include Tracey Hooker, of Buckinghamshire, and the cap-tain, Sarah Lawful, of Oxford-shire, who were substitutes last

The East side comes from three counties, Essex, Hertford-shire and Kent, with Lisa King, of Norfolk. Five of the eight Western counties are repre-sented and West Midlands South (Birmingham and Soli-hall) provide four of the Midplayers in a squad

promising start by taking the lead against France in the twelfth minute. Jagbir Singh, running fast down the right flank put a perfect centre across the face of the goal and Thoiba Singh had no difficulty placing the ball beyond the reach of the

Pargat Singh obstructed Delavence inside the circle to oncede a penalty stroke and Catonnet converted to level the

acore.
Midway in the second half India were awarded a penalty stroke that was disputed by several French players, who surrounded the Japanese umpire, Iwajo Sakaida. However, the French goalkeeper, From a media a mierdid save from Aitt made a splendid save from Ajir Lakra with his disengaged hand. France, happily reprieved, came into the match with a serious threat towards the end, and in the 66th minute Delavenne, working hard on the right of the field, set up a chance of Visla to win the match for

As they had done against Argentina, India made a Juniors Bodmin bound

represented by nine of the 11 areas. The tournament ends on Sunday and will be followed by the announcement of the England under-18 trialis Essex, Surrey, Warwickshire, Lancashire, Gioncestershire and Yorkshire, the champions, compete in the national indoor county championship at Washington on Sunday.
Yorkshire were besten by

Lancashire in the North championship this season while Gloucestershire include a number of the Cheltenham players who took part in the clubs indoor championship at Crystal Palace last weekend. Surrey are led by Denise Alford and Essex field the experienced Lyn

Mountains attract best riders

By a Special Correspondent David Baker, the Peugeot Cy-cles professional, is resting for three weeks at bome in Shelfield after a winter season based in Switzerland. It ended last Sun-day when he returned to Britain and won the Falcon Trophy final event and series.

events have a first prize o the Grundig world cup series, to be held in 10 different European

Steve Douce, Barrie Clarke, Glen and Gary Coltman, and Rob Dane, all past national champions on road, track or in cyclo-cross, are all likely to be missing from much of the professional road scene this year in favour of mountain bike

Control of the sport and pastime is minimal, with a number of organizations claiming to be in charge. There is no apparent difference between professionals and amateurs, organizations such as the Professional Cycling Association and the British Cycling Federation (BCF) which fear dimine

formation of a unified organization with an input from the six hodies that have some sort of involvement. But mountain pikers tend to be a new breed The only thing everybody is

CYCLO-CROSS

After a short break, he will resume full training for the fast-growing mountain bike season, in which most of the leading £1,000, substantially more than in cyclo-cross and road racing. His main objectives will be the world championship, to be held in Colorado in September, and

tion of the power bases.

The BCF has encouraged the

with new ideas and little reverence for traditions. agreed upon so far is that the rather than all-terrain take. It is

breakdown of negotiations at a sensitive stage. As it is, the Soviet Union Rugby League was firmly established with its 11 terms bearn the announcement expected outpost stands an excellent chance of succeeding

Bercleys League Fourth division Southend v Scunthurpe (7.45) ... Stockport v Doncesier and even mild scepticism. After the failures in Italy and South Africa, and the communing strug-gies in the United States to make Other metch Norwich v Ferenceron even minimal impact, rugby league supporters have the salt-cellar handy when information is microsed about ambitious and

The 11 focusier terms come from hig population centres such as Moscow, Leningrad, Riga and Rostov, and the dogged determination of the Soviet people, whenever they undertake a venture, is a well-known part of that country's armoury. The teams also have a firm infrastructure of a solidly developing rugby union code.

The International Board wall surely have little hesitation in

ratifying the admission of the 13-a-side game in the Soviet

Union when members meet at

--- TODAY'S FIXTURES ----7.50 white street RUGET LEAGUE BRITISH COAL UNCEST-21 INTER-NATIONAL: Great British v France **FCOTZMAL**

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Coventry v Northampton (7.15); Ketso v Tymedale (7.0); Moseley v Lakoesser; Wesps v Masth. MACRETTE Lecous world dealers had Plant lags J Main and J Press v til Scalin and S Hazali (Salford, 12.0). - -- SPORT ON TV BASKETSALL: Eurosport: 7.30-9.0pm. A review of the season's action in Europa. BOXXVII: Survenepost: 11.46xm-1.16pm. 10.0mm, IMSA 24 hours of Destone

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ships, to be held in Gothenburg m April. In the men's event, Englan

Don Valentino set to tackle See You Then

Last Saturday was expen-

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Don Valentino, an expensive intended runner. failure at Newbury last weekend, may attempt to redeem sive for Mrs Pitman's followhis reputation against See You ers as, apart from Don Then in the City Trial Hurdle Valentino, Toby Tobias also at Nottingham tomorrow.

"He'll have a pipe-opener,"

made a costly lapse when unshipping Mark Pitman at

"He'll have a pipe-opener," unshipping Mark Pitman at said David Stait, Jenny Pit- the seventh fence from home man's assistant, at Sandown when upsides Barnbrook Park yesterday, "and if all goes Again in the Compton Chase. well he'll run at Nottingham "We might send him to provided the ground isn't too Wincanton next Thursday," bad. He gets 21lb from See Stait continued, "but it's still You Then, so we've got to possible that he'll go for the have a go on these terms if he's Cheltenham Gold Cup withto have any chance in the out another run." Champion Hurdle."

Heavily backed from 25-1 temporary lapses for the to near favouritism for the woman in form. Tartan Trix Tote Gold Trophy, the five- landed the Fairmile Novices' year-old could finish only Handicap Chase in good style fourteenth to Deep Sensation and, coupled with the wins of at Newbury, but would have Midnight Train and Georgic finished in the first six but for at Leicester, took her to the 58 stumbling badly after the sec- mark for the season, 21 of ond hurdle from home.

See You Then, the triple past 29 days, hampion hurdler, will be Unlike Mrs Pitman, David champion hurdler, will be Unlike Mrs Pitman, David making his comeback after Elsworth's team has been in being absent from the track the doldrums recently with an since breaking down at attack of coughing. But signs Wincanton two years ago, of recovery were again evident Aldino, Oliver Sherwood's when Graham Bradley rode winner of Windsor's New an inspired finish on Year's Day Hurdle, is another Riverhead to beat Bitter Buck

by a head in the Village Novices' Hurdle to give Whitsbury its fifth winner in

"I'm not sure yet whether I'll send Riverhead to Chel-tenham," Elsworth said. "But he's certainly an intended runner in the Lincoln

The six-year-old has 7st 10lb for the Doncaster race will be attempting to repeat Elsworth's 1983 victory with Mighty Fly.

In the Londesborough Chase, backers plunged on Eastshaw, who started favour-ite at 5-2. But he hit the second last fence along the Railway straight and Brendan Powell drove Our Nobby, trained by Michael Madgwick, back into the lead at the second last and the pair held on to beat Missing Man by two lengths.

Despite the winner's price of 10-1. Our Nobby was strongly fancied by Madgwick. "He ran very well first time out at Wincanton," he said. "He's at the right end of the handicap and we thought he'd go well."



The eventual winner Our Nobby (Brendan Powell) leads Southernair (Decian Murphy) in the Londesborough Handicap Chase at Sandown Park yesterday

CRICKET: BRIEF SPELL FROM WEST INDIES FAST BOWLER IS ENOUGH TO COMMAND RESPECT FROM TOURING TEAM

Little or no cheer

From John Woodcock

Mike Gatting's side meets South Africa today at Verwoerdburg, a suburb of Pretoria, in the first of four one-day internationals. Although abbreviated, this rethe visitors will be keen to win.

From all accounts, they have worked hard at their cricket, worken and at their cricks, driven, I dare say, by quaim as well as scruple. But like other sides that have been here with more than the game of cricket on their minds, they have played with little conviction.

then he seldom does. His total output so far amounts to 62 balls (two of them no-balls) and one innings with a runner. The pitch here at the Wanderers for last work's five-thy game, which ended in three days, was ev-idently a disaster, and Foster's bowling was not much better. Having got to 96 for one on the first day, the Englishmen were still bowled out for 156 and 128.

And as though to underline the parlous state of English cricket, while Gatting's team was being routed in Johanneswere being besten by Kenya in Nairobi, and the England Under-19s were going down by an innings to their Australian

I have it on the best authority at if Ladbrokes was running a book on today's match it would probably go 2-1 on a South African victory and 7-4 against Gatting. South Africa have an impressive record in one-day games since these unapproved tours began. Of the 32 such matches played (against Gooch's Breweries XI in 1982, then against a side from Sri Lanka, followed by two from West Indies and two from Australia), they have won 23. Of their nine defeats, six were by Lawrence Rowe's West India

and three by Kim Hughes's Australians.
What sounds a little like interactine strife has deprived South Africa of the ubiquitous Kepler Wessels. Not that the reappearance of Clive Rice, in Wessels's place, will be of any comfort to the Englishmen. A wandering minstrel. Wessels seems to have been given only a fairly warm welcome on his return to the South African side Australian swagmen, and scor-ing a century in each innings for them against South Africa at Port Elizabeth in 1987.

Of these one-day games three, including today's, are day-night affairs, played in pyjamas (Gatting's side will wear red, white and blue, a detail to make any who may already be apoplectic even more so) with a white ball, each side to receive 55 overs. The broken finger rithout which no tour is complete belongs to Robinson. Gatting could be one of several English players to re-main in South Africa to play for a Transvasi XI against a South African XI on March 7 as part of

the Transvaal Cricket Union's centenary celebrations. CEDIEDRATY COLORAMONS.
SOUTH AFRICA (Front): S J Cook (cap-pain), H R Fotheringhem, M W Rushmere, P N Kirsten, R F Pienzar, D J Cultiman, C E S Rice, A P Kulper, T R Madsen, T G Shaw, R P Snetl, A A Donald, P S De William.

Bishop no pawn in a game for Gatting that brings fear to England

Cricket Correspondent Port of Spala

The Caribbean has been echoing with excited claims of a new fast bowling champion these past few weeks. On Wednesday, the young pre-tender announced himself and it was impossible to avoid the conviction that we were

witnessing something special. Ian Raphael Bishop is not exactly a stranger. He toured England with West Indies in 1988 and spent last summer with Derbyshire. All that, however, was part of the learning process. Bishop, aged. 22, has now graduated and it is ominous news for the England

He had time for only five overs before the opening oneday international was washed away. It was time enough, As rain continued to fall on Port of Spain yesterday they were still talking of it and, as Bishop wandered around the hotel where both teams are based, there was a new respect in the

On the face of Michael Holding there was unmistakable pride. Holding knows better than most what it is to conduct the emotions of opposing batsmen with sheer, streamlined speed and he has long viewed Bishop, whom he personally introduced to Derbyshire, as his own worthy

successor. Now, he believes the cricket world is about to

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BOWLING: Marshall 5-2-5-1 (nb4); Bishop 6-1-12-0; Walsh 1-0-1-0; Moseley 1-0-5-0.

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horse racing and Ian Bishop. frightening surface which so Indee the last England could intimidate and maninulate a batsman, now light up mischievously when he talks

of his proteg "You only have to look at him," be said. "He has filled out in the shoulders, where it really matters — 6 feet 5 inches and 15 stone - that's a very strong boy and he looked quick on Wednesday on a very slow pitch."

Holding believes that the pitch for the first Test match, which begins next Saturday in Holding, in his retirement, his native Jamaica, will be is languidly genial company. comparably slow and far more regional first-class cricket here, heading the bowling averages and attaining local hero status in Trinidad, where they already regard Bishop as faster and better than Malcolm Marshall

If that sounds a shade farfetched, it is worth relating a passage from Wednesday's play. Wayne Larkins had faced Bishop's two quickest Wayne Larkins had deliveries, once failing even to get his bat down before the ball was in Jeffery Dujon's gloves, and there was a hint of desperation in the lunging drive from which he was

caught at second slip after "escaping" to Marshall's end. Graham Gooch survived the storm and was unbeaten when the rain came but, in that understated way of his which invariably needs decodng, he was plainly impressed

"He is genuinely quick," he said. "Lively all the time but likely to give you a couple of very quick balls in an over. He also gives you nothing to drive are to compete over here.

We bowled well on Wednesday, maintaining a very tight line, but every time we pitched the ball up they hit if for four,"

two tours, to England and Australia, before making his Test debut against India in Georgetown 11 months ago. Gooch was happy enough, however, with his team's performance in the field and had some praise for Chris That game, like so many in Guyana, was ruined by rain and it was in the next Test, at Lewis who, although he is the same age as Bishop and has Bridgetown, Barbados, that he played substantially more made his mark, taking a first-class cricket, is viewed wicket with his first ball and with typical English reserve as He has taken 23 wickets at being wet behind the ears.

Pakistan set for world final

century to guide Pakistan to a comfortable six-wicket victory over Sri Lanka in their World Series Cup match yesterday, Pakistan accord 198 for four off 48.3 overs after dismissing

Sri Lanka for 195 and virtually assured themselves of a place in the three-match final against Australia beginning next week.
Sri Lanka, who have won just
one of their six World Series
Cup games with two remaining. have only an outside mathematical chance of qualifying ahead

Ramiz hit 116 from 150 balls Sri Lanka had looked to be heading for a score in excess of 200 when Ranatunga, who scored 42, and Gurusinha, who hit 59, put on 73 runs for the fifth wicket.

But the Pakistan bowlers ripped through the middle order and tail to take the last six wickets for 44 runs.

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ATHLETICS

England pair ask for dispensation

Diane Edwards and Matthew Yates, the England 800 metres runners who rose to the occarunners who rose to the occa-sion at the Commonwealth Games, have requested special consideration for the European indoor championships, to be held at the Kelvin Hall, Glas-gow, on March 3 and 4. Edwards, who won gold in Auckland, and Yates, who took bronze, have decided against competing in the Omron Games at Cosford today and tomorrow but hope to be selected when the

but hope to be selected when the but hope to be scienced when are British team for Glasgow is named on Monday. Edwards, who has made her-self unavailable for the Dairy

Crest Games between Britain and East Germany next Friday, has asked for a place in the 1,500 metres because she has been slow to return to speed work after arriving home from Auckland. "An athlete does require a number of races before an 800 metres but that is not necessarily the great with the table of the same with the table of the same with the table of the same with th ily the case with the 1,500 and Diane is an endurance-based athlete." Norman Poole, her

Should Edwards have her wish granted, she would face Doina Melinte, the Romanian who set a women's world indoor mile record last weekend. "Forshowed in Auckland," Poole said. "She has never been beaten over 1,500 metres. In the past two years she has beaten Chris-tina Cahill and Bev Nicholson [second and third at 1,500

yesterday before deciding whether to take the second place which has presumably been left for him behind Tom McKean in the 800 metres against East Germany. Or should that be first place shead of McKean? Yates unexpectedly finished ahead of McKean in the Commonwealth Games final.

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Only a handful of British medal winners from Auckland Linford Christie, who runs in the 60 metres, is the draw card, but of equal interest will be the performance of lan Hamer. The Weishman won a Common-wealth bronze medal, at 5,000 metres, before receiving his British debut. That will come next weekend when, it was announced yesterday, he will line up in the 3,000 metres against East Germany. He com-

rmen: 50er: P Dunn, S Douglas, 200er: J rate, S Gunnell. 407er:



Steve Robins: aims to raise £5,000 to 10,000

Pupil's death inspires fund for oncology unit

By Michael Coleman

Nothing sharpens the apprecia-tion of physical good health more than sudden personal in-jury, even though this is the inevitable lot of active sports-men. But when death occurs, expecially to a young and close especially to a young and close colleague, the impact can be

Chancellor's School, a mixed comprehensive at Brookmans Park, Hatfield, Until 18 months ago he participated in all rec-reational activities and played reational activities and played football for the school at his level. He developed bone cancer and died last month, aged 15.
"It was about September in 1988 that we realized something was wrong." Steve Robius, head of physical education, said. "He was in and out of bospital but whenever he could get to school he did. A tremendous boy. he did. A tremendous boy, marvellous, He still kept coming

marvellous. He still kept coming until last Christmas."

As deputy year head for Gavin's form. Robins and the boys' form teacher, Joycelin Hobman, were close witnesses of what was to be a losing battle. They made frequent trips to hospital to see him. "He had chemotherapy, radiotherapy, surgery, the lot." Robins said. "Gavin was a brave boy. At the same time he made us realize how lucky we all are."

Robins will be taking part in the London Marathon on April 22 as one of The Times/Unixys Fund runners. His target will be to collect through sponsorship

fund runners. His target will be to collect through sponsorship between £5,000 and £10,000 to belp set up an adolescent oncol-ogy unit at Middlesex Hospital, Mortimer Street, London, Hended by Professor Robert Souhami, of University College Linguistal where Govin was

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Zimbabwe a test for young England

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Bishop was nursed through

like Bishop."

From Richard Streeton

The tour to Zimbabwe by an England A side under Mark Nicholas during the next six weeks represents an important step forward for English cricket. It brings closer to reality the Test and County Cricket Board's ambition to create a tangible, development structure to monitor progress by players from early schooldays through to the Test team.

Six of the touring party as it now stands, Atherton, Iggiesden, Lawrence, Pringle, Stephenson and Whitaker, have already been judged worthy to be blooded at Test level. Lewis. an original inclusion, has been thought good enough to be summoned to the West Indies as a replacement. Most of the others have been knocking on the selectors' door, at least one, Thorpe, may be virtually un-known outside his own county but has rich gifts.

These young men, therefore, must be regarded as the England second XI. It will be dispiriting indeed if the majority do not show that they are capable of making a contribution to England's Test cricket in the next few years. Against possibly none too demanding opposition, they have every incentive to prove and three one-day internationals, with a sufficient sprinkling of other matches to

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term implies in cricket. Altitude, glaring light, heat and humidity, will make cricket harder work than at home. (Ironically, though, the rainy season has come early this year, season has come earry unis year, it has actually rained every day since December 25.) Pitches in Zimbabwe, however, are usually benign, even though deep fielding on the coarsely grassed grounds can prove a penance. The itinerary includes three five-day representative games.

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ensure that everyone gets the chance to show what they can do. Nicholas, the captain, has already shown himself ideally suited to lead this sort of expedition when he led what was then designated a B team to Sri Lanka in 1985-86. That tour was the closest the English authorities have been able to arrange in recent years to this one in terms of giving potential Test men overseas experience. A year earlier, though, Nicholas brought an English Counties XI to this country, so he has the

The English party were under-standably subdued when they

advantage of knowing local conditions, a distinct plus mark on these occasions. At the captain's elbow as coach and adviser will be Keith Fletcher, the heir eventually perhaps to Micky Stewart's job. It is the first time since Fletcher was captain in India in 1981-82 that English cricket at the highest level has utilised the gifts of the man, who vies with Raymond Illingworth, as possessing the shrewdest cricket brain in the

arrived yesterday from Kenya after the dreadful stomach disorders which caused the one-day game due to be played in Nairobi on Wednesday to be Nairobi on Wednesday to be cancelled. Shortly before leaving Kenya they had it confirmed that the eight who fell seriously ill after a Chinese meal on Monday had suffered salmonella poisoning. Rhodes, who spent 24 hours in bospital on a drip, and leglesden were the worst hit.

worst hit.

Even before this incident the heat and altitude in Nairobi had taken its toll with gastric problems, but Nicholas said he thought that most people were now on the mend. Lawrence, who had not been asked to be on standby. arrived as Lewic's standby, arrived as Lewis's replacement earlier in the day direct from London. He has not

ended but has kept fit with weights and other exercises.
Nicholas said they would be practising gently before Sunday's opening game but that the main priority would be to acclimatize. "Apart from myself and Pringle, we mostly have a really young team here, all of them potentially future Test cricketers. I think it will be important for us to prove that important for us to prove that English cricketers can succeed in five-day matches, after being shown up by Australia."

For Zimbabwe this English visit is a continuation of their diligent efforts to acquire Test match status from the International Cricket Council within the next five years. Practically every year since independence in 1980 they have arranged two in 1980 they have arranged two visits by overseas teams at B or under-25 level and have provided overseas trips for their own players at all ages as well. Sponsorship has helped but remembering that the Zimbabwe Cricket Union's (ZCU) annual financial turnover barely reaches six figures, their persisreaches six figures, their persis-tence and dedication have been

By next August cricket will have been played in the country for 100 years, but it still remains a sport chiefly confined to the white minority, a relic from the colonial era.

MOTOR SPORT

SHOPAROUND Senna's decision day

Sports Federation (FISA), is expected to make a statement today on the participation of Ayrton Senna in this year's Formula One championship.

FISA has insisted on a public retraction by Senna of allega-tions that last year's world championship was rigged in favour of Alain Prost before granting the super licence required to compete in grand prix races. Yesterday had been set as the deadline for Senna to apologize but last night nothing had been heard of the Brazilian driver, who won the 1988 world

Jean-Marie Balestre, the presi- championship. Senna's McLaren team has refused to say whether or not Senna would apply for the licence or whether he would make the public retraction. The driver himself has been silent on

the subject during his holiday in

In his capacity as president of the International Automobile Federation. Balestre yesterday announced plans for a rallcovering 18,000km (11,000 miles) from Paris to Peking via Moscow for the autumn of 1991. The event is expected to last Hospital, where Gavin was a between 22 and 24 days and patient, it will be the only ward

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UNISYS Marathon Appeal Gavin Maule was a pupil of of its kind in Britain.

"The unit needs a system which can decide the drugs each patient needs and it also plans to train staff else-where in the UK in the treatment All the staff and 825 pupils at Chancellors are rallying behind their PE head, their enthusiasm

their PE head, their enthusiasm increased by Gavin's sudden death. "We already have £1,500 pledged and one lad raised £800 on Wednesday through a tennis competition." Robins said.

This will be his second London Marathon. "I did three hours 26 minutes in 1985 after just recovering from a rugby injury." That effort gathered £1,500 for a school minibus. He was rejected last year.

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Macroom can retrieve losses following rare Newbury lapse

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Those who lost money when Macroom, a heavily backed favourite, fell at Newbury a week ago, can recover the outlay on the same horse in the Stanley Handicap Chase at Sandown Park today. He is

Before the Newbury race I expressed similar confidence in Macroom's ability, having seen him score in style on the same track prior to finishing third behind his stablemate Zuko and Ballyhane at Ascot,

It was therefore all the more disappointing to see him fall at eighth fence when going well in third, more especially as he had never fallen in his life before. As if to rub salt into the wound, the race was won by Steeple View, who had been trounced 12 lengths by Macroom when they had met at Newbury at the end of last

Pucks Place, who was even- broke down. tually beaten 18 lengths.

Burannpour, two of his oppogiving Macroom the clear beating of Birling Jack at these Ida's Delight, the top weights, it will not be surprising if Tarconey and Highway Express constitute the main threat, especially since Black Spur is 91b out of the

handicap. Tarconey clearly loves Sandown having won there three times already while Highway Express should be sharper for his recent run at Wincanton where he finished fourth to Desert Orchid. It was the performance of Mzima Spring in that race which convinces me that the

well ahead of the fourth horse, strain was too great and she abandoned due to water-Before that she had been

In his previous race, runner-up to The A Train at Macroom finished a long way Kempton when endeavouring in front of Memberson and to give Jenny Pitman's eightyear-old 7lb. On that occasion nents this afternoon. With a Breakfast Car was 18 lengths

> weight, who is often seen racing in the south even though he is trained in Northumberland, has been coughing since winning at Wetherby two days after Christmas. He may not be quite as fit as The A Train who comes from a stable in particularly good form.

With Elfast's form beginning to look fragile and Chiffalda not the horse over fences that he was over hurdles, it will not be surprising if the Chris McKenna Memorial Mole Handicap Chase can go
Novices' Chase is won by
to The A Train, Mzima Spring
Okeetee who was denied the In the circumstances, it was the only one to make a chance of winning his second seems reasonable to suppose race of it with Desert Orchid race over fences yesterday

that he would have finished that day, but unfortunately the when the card at Taunton was

At the start of today's programme, Lucky Verdict (2.0) should also be another winner for Okeetee's rider Peter Scudamore.

East River, who split Ri-Na-Rithann and Mander's Way on his latest start at Warwick, can go one better by capturing the EBF Novices' Hurdle Qualifier at the expense of Flight Hill and Oneupmanship, who are both trained by David Elsworth.

For those interested in combination bets, I suggest Jimmy Fitzgerald's trio Bostzdaroff (2.15) and Solo Cornet (4.45) at Edinburgh, along with stable companion Noble Raider (4.40) at

Taunton abandoned Yesterday's fixture at Taunton was abandoned because of waterlogging. Thirty meetings have now been lost this season.

doubt for **Triumph**

Stone Flake, the 12-1 joint-favourite for the Daily Express Trinsuph Hurdle at the Cheltenham festival next month, has suffered a setback and may miss

the race. Trainer Paul Kelleway confirmed yesterday that the colt, who heads the ante-post market after an impressive winning debut over hurdles, had pulled a

"It happened a couple of days aga," he said. "It is worrying and we don't know whether he will recover in time to run at Cheltenham. I don't believe in ante-post betting and I would hate anyone to lose their money on him.

"Backers would probably get 12-1 about him on the day of the race anyway. But obviously we will be doing our best to get him fit again."

Kelleway considers Stone Flake the best hundler he has trained, and that view was endorsed when the four-year-old beat Regal Lake by 15 lengths in near course record time at Wolverhampton.

Bookmakers William Hill re-

Bookmakers William Hill re-Square to 8-1 clear favouries, followed by 10-1 Silver King, 14-1 Sayyare, 16-1 Major Inquiry and 20-1 others.

Stone Flake Pitman move pays handsome dividends

Mark Pitman switched from Sandown Park to Leicester yes-terday and brought off a 12-1 double on Midnight Train and

Georgic for his mother, Jenny,
Midnight Train is prone to
breaking blood vessels, but
gently handled by Mark, the
tine-year-old mastered the
pacemaking Ballinaveen without too much effort year force. out too much effort two fences from home to land odds of 6-4 on in the Belgrave Racing Chase by 25 lengths.

Mrs Pitman has the Cathcart

Challenge Cup Chase at the Cheltenham festival or a race at Liverpool in mind for Midnight

Georgic, jumping to the front three fences out in the Thurnby Novices' Chase, drew right away from her field and was chased home at a respectable distance by Random Romance and

It was the first success over fences for the mare, who was a winner twice over hurdles and was bought by Mrs Pitman at Ballsbridge Sales for only 1,500

unstuck with the 7-4 on favour-ite Willsford in the Trial Handi-cap Chase, in which the top weight failed by four lengths to catch Tenesaint, whose ownertrainer Dick Saunders is a doctor is in he steward at the meeting. Despite from a stroke.



Jenny Pitman: completed a 12-1 double at Leicester his defeat, Willsford is still likely to go to the Cheltenham festival. Young Ty retained his un-beaten record in five races, four of them this season, when the accomplished amateur Stephen Series brought him bone 146 Swiers brought him home 11/2 lengths winner from Dark Honey in the Oadby Novices'

The winner was bred by his The winner was bred by his owner Dr Eric Robinson, who took up training under permit in the early Eighties. He was a GP for 50 years at Aberford near Leeds, but his three houses are presently in the charge of friend John Gill, while the 74-year-old doctor is in hospital recovering. doctor is in hospital recovering

Dreaper's star heads betting

By George Rac

Cervill's Hill, trained by Jim Dreaper, is an even money favourite with Dublin book-makers Alan Tuthfil to repeat his victory of last year in the Vincent O'Brien Irish Gold Cup at Leopardstown on Saturday. Maid Of Money, second to Toby Tobias at Cheltenham last month, is next best on 3-1 with one of the English challengers, John Upson's Nick The Brief, a close third favourite at 7-2. The Chris Popham-trained Panto Prince, the other English raider, is on 7-1.

is on 7-1.

There was only withdrawal,
Lastofthebrownies, at yesterday's final forfeit stage, leaving
seven remers. The race, for
which the advance efficial going
is soft, will be televised five on
both BBC1 and Channel 4.
4.0 VINCENT O'BREN BUSH GOLD CUP
(Listed Grade I: NSA 225: 2n) (7 runners)
1, Candy Well VI: 2. Carriers Hit 3, Here
A Earney; 4, Hangary Har, 5, Hick The
Biot 8, Pastin Prison; 7, Haid O' Menny.

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The William Hastings-Buss-trained Baskfel Boy (Yves Georges), a premising fourth at Cagues last week, can step up an that run in today's 26,967 Prix Robert-et-Villeneuve Bargeman (120 et the Birleys track The Robert-et-Villeneuve Bargemon (12f) at the Riviera track. The five-year-old won the Magnet Cup at York in 1988.

8 F-F6 TERRY JO SE R Hoad 6-10-10. 2-1 Jazetas, 9-4 Tenniores, 8-1 Master Cornedy. 4.0 WALTER WALES MEMORIAL HUNTERS CHASE (22,322: 2m 5f 110yd) (7)

1 311- PERROQUET 325 (CD,Q,S) G Vergette 10-12-8

6 165- YORK ROYAL 263 (CD,5) M Jerrary 8-11-10 7 19/ FLOREAT REGINA 837 (F) N Thomas 9-11-5 N Thomas 15-8 Perroquet, 5-2 King Neon, 5-1 Wise Gembol. 4.30 CROMER HANDICAP HURDLE (22,040: 2m

4 13F- HENRY GEARY STEELS 338 (CD,F.C.5) W Hole 10-10-9 D G

5 10-2 LABARARA 172 (D.F) J Bennett 9-10-8...... Mi Box 6 021- OFFICER GROWLER 345 (D.S) Mrs D Heine 6-10-5

Course specialists

TRAIMERS: W Holden, 4 winners from 11 runners, 38.4%; P Mitchell, 13 from 42, 31%; Mrs D Haine, 4 from 16, 25%; Mrs J Bloom, 5 from 23, 21.7%; K Jankins, 7 from 39, 17.5%; M Skimer, 3 from 18, 16.7%; K Balley, 4 from 30, 13.5%; J JOCKEY8: S Smith Eccles, 9 winners from 24 rides, 37.5%; D Gategher, 3 from 9, 33.5%; A Carroll, 10 from 39, 25.5%; D Murphy, 3 from 14, 21.4%; R Dunwoody, 4 from 18, 21.1%; P Corriger, 3 from 15, 20%.

3.40 KERSALL NOVICES CLAIMING HURDLE

4-7 Pubydors, 7-2 Shent Princess, 8-1 Hixon Girl. 4.10 HALLOUGHTON HANDICAP HURDLE

1 0F4 BALLYDURNOW 22F (D.F.O.S) R Flater 13-12-0 2 F2F1 FORNT MADE 7 (D.F.O.S) J Booley 7-12-0 (Sec)

3 1931 HELL BEAGLE 4 (CD,F,S) W Clay 10-13-0 (Soc)

8 3006 BALLYWEST 25 (B,D,F) B Cambridge 12-10-0 Min H Magness B opp-F LA SELLE OF SANTO 116 (B,F) B West 7-10-0 J Decome (7)

S-4 Permisse's Pride, S-1 Point Made, 4-1 Hit Beach

L40 NEW CROSS NATIONAL HUNT FLAT

(£1,618: 2m 4f) (7)

(£1,576: 2m) (9)

(21.688: 2m) (13)

SANDOWN PARK

Selections By Mandarin

2.00 Lucky Verdict. 2.30 The A Train.

3.35 East River. 4.05 MACROOM (nap).

By Michael Seely

2.00 Lucky Verdict, 4.05 MACROOM (nap).

Going: soft

2.0 BIRCHWOOD NOVICES HURDLE (4-Y-O: £2,700: 2m) (11 runners)

JE BEFFCHWOOD NOVICES HURDLE (4-Y-C: £2,700: 2m) (11 runners)
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22 CARRENDALE 13 (D.S) (E Weymes) E Weymes 11-4 S7
23 DARK DESKE 24 (RF.D) (J Jones) M Francis 11-4 M Richards 91
243 DARK DESKE 24 (RF.D) (J Jones) M Francis 11-4 M Richards 91
254 SEA BUCK 41 (V.D.S) (C Buckle) G Balding 11-4 J Freet
255 ALMARKO PETE 23SF (Wirs P Locie) G Harwood 11-0 M Perrett
256 HERE HE COMES 18SF (G Insermee) R Alceburst 11-0 L Harvey
257 LAVA FALLS 98F (M Banks) M Banks 11-0 R Rowe MATHER 19SF (A Testife) P Budies 11-0 M Primong
258 BATHER 19SF (A Testife) P Budies 11-0 M Primong
259 OF CITERBURN 30 (D Elton) R O'Sullivan 11-0 M Primong
250 SHAPP JUSTICE 88F (Missions Bros LUS) M Ryan 11-0 G Hickort
250 SHAPP JUSTICE 88F (Missions Bros LUS) M Ryan 11-0 G Hickort
251 P JONANA 21 (A Neather) J Fox 10-0 M Hortes
252 TIMO: 10-11 Lucky Verdict, 9-2 Almarcio Peta, 13-2 Sea Buck, 8 Cerbisdele, 10-1 Dark Desire, 12-1
253 DESP SENSATION 4-11-0 E Murchy (4-1) J Giffert 6 page

1989: DEEP SENIGATION 4-11-0 E Murphy (4-1) J Gistord 5 ran

FORM FOCUS LUCKY VENDICT could not match the page of the winner when 2% 2nd to Sayyure at Cheltentering (2m, good); serifer quickened to easily best DeVE's Velley 121 at Chapatow (2m 4, sott).

CARESSOALE showed improved form to best Secre D'Or 41 at Weitherby (2m, soft).

DARK DESHEE, pushed clear to best Muritald VI. lags 101 at Fontwell (2m 21, soft); lesset disappoining at Chapatow (2m, heavy) when 401 3nd or 12 to Man.

2.30 MOLE HANDICAP CHASE (£3,691: 2m 18yd) (5 runners)

201 11-9125 IDA'S DELIGHT ST (D.F.Q.S) (J Charlot) J Charlon 11-12-0... 202. 919-21 THE ATRAIN 28 (0,0,0) (A Oberstein) Mirry J Planner 6-10-6 M Planner 97
203. 112-122 SWEAKFAST CAR 16 (BF.D.F.S) (J Grieb) D Grainel 8-10-2 H Davise 9-88
204. 43-0722 SOULFIEL STRUT 21 (D.F.S) (Whitcombe Menor 12-9 N Mitchell 9-10-0 A Tory (S) 205
205. 207,0044 DALSURY 412 (E.F.G.E) (R Smelle) A Moore 12-10-0 G Sieces 77 Long handleap: Southal Strut 9-5, Daibury 9-1, BETTRIC: 13-6 Tim A Train, 5-2 kte's Dulight, 7-2 Breekfast Cur, 6-1 Southal Strut, 12-1 Delbury. 1986: ROYAL STAG 7-10-5 H Davien (5-4) D Grissell 4 ran

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3.05 CHRIS BICKENNA MEMORIAL NOVICES CHASE (22,974; 2m 4f 68vds) (8 runners)

FORM FOCUS ELFAST finished 3! Ing mistakes and weakening to be 18! 3rd of 9 to Welkin Hill. CLOSE-ESCAPE, makes chasing bow, to yieldingh terrier ran on to be 48 2nd of 4 to Another Corni at Chellenham (2m, good to firm).

OKEETIES made all when pushed out on the run-hot beat Our Fellow 3! at Doncaster (2m 44, good).

CLEFALDA proved a very disappointing odds-on levourite at Wetherby (3m 100yd, good to soft) make-levourite at Wetherby (3m 100yd, good to soft) make-

. S Earls

Course specialists

	FORM FOCUS VAZON BAY was guickly pulled up after leading until 2 out in the race won by Tinryland at Kempton (zm) on Boding Day; previously easily distensed Squeece Play 12 at Lacester (2m, good to firm). EAST REVER gaught close home at Warwick (2m, acit) finishing head 2nd to Ri-Na-Rithann with FLKSHT HILL (name terms) 1-14 4th and Tawalland STAR 13th.	HAWICES BAY loops on at one page from 2 cut it finish 25 6th to Fith Amendment at Wincentron (25 good) with FLIGHT HELL (same terms) 11 7th. 1802E 1807 made an encouraging debut Towoster (2m, good to soft) when 81 2nd of 18 to Proud Crest. OREUPBANSHIP creditable 31 2nd of 18 to Proud Crest. OREUPBANSHIP creditable 31 3nd of 18 to Proud Crest. OREUPBANSHIP creditable 31 3nd of 18 to Proud Crest. 31 3nd of 18 to Provide 18 to Provide 18 3nd of 18
ı	4.5 STANLEY HANDICAP CHASE (£4,003:	3m 118yds) (8 runners)
	502 1216-U3 BIRLING JACK 34 (5) (BF,D) (Mrs J Pe B33 2/211-44 PUCKS PLACE 7 (D.F.G) (J Beltrage) N 504 16-15F MACROOM 7 (BF,D,G,S) (ARS M Tincal 505 88-8258 TARCOMEY 20 (CD,G,S) (R Whittle) P C U43008 MEMBERSON 10 (CD,F,G,S) (P Dutoes 507 2440-4 HIGHWAY EXPRESS 8 (8) (M White) R 508 3-12379 BLACK SPUR 13 (F,Q,S) (J Gebroor) J C	Gaselee 9-11-4 K Mooney 9) S Meltor 8-10-11 Bir D Gray 9 spricel 10-10-6 R Stronge 9) P Dufosce 12-10-5 R Dumonody 9 8 Hodons 9-10-5 W Indee
l		Peter Hobbs (9-4) J Offord 3 ran
	FORM FOCUS BIFLING JACK, is yet to recepture Jorge of last term, finishing distance 3rd to Premetr's Leen at Warwick (3m 11, good to soft). PUCKS PLACE westerned approaching last in similar swent at Newbury (3m, heavy) finishing 17%1 4th to Steeple View with MACROOM 3rd when falling Bih. MACROOM creditable effort on perulibrates start in Assot handleap (3m, good) finishing 101 3rd to Zuko with MEMBERSON (1/40 better off) poor fighted BURANNPOUR tailed off when pulsed up before 3 out.	better off) 121 4th at Flaydock (4m, beavy) in December. HRGHWAY EXPRESS made a satisfactory responser ands at Wincamton (2m 5t, good to soft when 25t 4th to Desert Orchid; easily defeated imperial Chempagne 5t off a 3b lower mark on bis perutitimate start lest term at Teurion (3m 25, good to soft) 6tt. ACK SPUR will need to step up on latest 191 3rd to City Entertainer at Wetherby (3m 100yd, soft). Selection: MACRICOM
l	4.40 CARDINAL CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS (11 runners)	HANDICAP HURDLE (23,071: 2m 5f 75yd
	601 30/18-00 FANNY DILLOH 24 (5) (Aira B McCourt) 602 41-6FF-P SIR CRUSTY 27 (F.G.) (M Ash.) R Holder 603 23/11-9 TYNED MYSHOOKERD 27 (B.D.Q.B) (J W 604 0-F5325 GENERAL CHRYSON 25 (3) (M Pertilica 605 3702-25 HATS HIGH 104 (3) (E O'Neil) R Alkohu 606 215023 RECOND FLIGHT 8 (D.F.S) (F Crumpler) 607 121/1P4 REACH ME DOWN 16 (F.G.) (Fumble Ne 608 08000) HAMPED 11 (2 G. S. Okhirowska Marchal	8-11-5 H Merri St. Autori P Hadger 5-11-5 D C724/Hore St. St. J C160rd 10-11-1 T Pinfield St. St. L Cardon St. J L Cardon St.
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609 080481 HAMPER 11 (C.G.\$) (Whitcombe Messar) N Mitchell 7-10-10 (4ex) ... 609 6804-58 PRINCE ICLEMIX 24 (F.Q.\$) (J.Stons) A Dayleton 8-10-8 ... 610 P45-089 COPPER STREAK 30 (B.BF.Q.\$) (Lord Cadogan) T Posters 6-10-5 ... 611 P82333- FALWORTH 258 (8,F) (W Whitbread) F Walwyn 6-10-0 ...

1982: WESTWAY 6-11-10 | Lawrence (2-1 fee) D Griss

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Selections

1.45 Logamimo. 2.15 Boutzdaroff. 2.45 Watertight

3.15 The Maltkiln. 3.45 Cornet. 4.15 Mystic Music. 4.45 Solo Cornet.

Michael Seely's selection: 2.15 Boutzdaroff. The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3,45 CORNET. Brian Beel's selection: 4.15 Mystic Music.

Going: good

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1.45 GOREBRIDGE NOVICES CLAIMING HURDLE (4-Y-O: £1,506: 2m) (8 runners) 491 LOGANINO 35 (B.CD.(S) (Full Circle Thoroughbreds) N Tinider 11-11....
60F9 ALDINGTON PRINCE 10 (C Wheetby) C Triedine 11-2
600F6 ARY VALERTINE CARD 25 (V.D.(S) (M Kendrick) S Norton 11-2
8009 SOMALTO 36F (J Blanchi) Denys South 10-12....
9 VOLLVER GESI 46 (K Linion) K Linion 10-10...
9 VOLLVER GESI 46 (K Linion) R Woodhouse 10-9
6 ROSEPS REIGH 7 /R Decist R Dods 10-9 G McCourt 97

R Bellerry (5) —

J O'Gorden 92

R Hodge (7) —

C Grant 88

2.15 HOWGATE NOVICES CHASE (£2,083: 2m) (7 runners)

BETTING: 11-8 Boutzderolf, 11-4 Dunioring, 11-2 Direct Inserest, 8-1 Holly King, Pater Led, 20-1 Back Beters Dark, 33-1 Velvet Pearl. 1989; MASNOON 6-11-5 P Niven (9-4) Denys Smith 7 ran

Course specialists

Miss D Calder G McCourt R Garrity P Niven Mr K Anderson S Turner







1989: COPELAND LAD 7-10-7 Ger Lyons (16-1) J Johnson 14 ran 4.15 FIFE HUNT CLUB CUP HUNTERS CHASE (Amateurs: 21,484; 3m) (5 runners) BETTING: 10-11 Mystic Music, 2-1 Flying Ace, 11-2 Njamna, 12-1 Alaghadeny Rose, 20-1 Flisk Another. 1986: MYSTIC MUSIC 10-11-12 Mr K Anderson (Evens lav) Miss H Wilson 6 no.

4.45 LEVY BOARD NATIONAL HENT FLAT RACE (£1,730: 2m) (15 runners)

CUR DEADLY 20 (5) (Mrs H Welle) Mrs H Welle 5-12-3 SOLO CORNET 37 (3) (W Fernit) Jianny Fizgerald 5-12-3 BROUNISIDE BRIG 37 (Miss C Bartholomew) J Haldene 5-11-10... CASTLERICHARDKING 302 (Mrs M Russell) J Edwards 5-11-10... C Dennis (2) . Wr J Boardsall R Hodge (7) ... D Burry (7) R Supple —
L O'Here (5) —
J Callaghen (7) —
D 1 Wolfett (7) BETTING: 6-4 Solo Cornet, 4-1 Castlericherdking, 9-2 Cur Deadly, 6-1 Merry Measure, 8-1 Tingle Brook, ret Friend, 14-1 others.

1968: YOUNG POKEY 4-10-10 R Falley (7-2) C Talkler 14 ran.

Guide to our in-line racecard 113143 GOOD TIMES 13 (BF.F.Q.S) (Mrs. D Robinson) S Hat 12-0 ...

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3.3	3.35 EBF NOVICES HURDLE (Qualifier: £3,015: 2m (21 runners)							
401	5220-1P	VAZON BAY 52 (B,D,F) (R Hitchine) Min	J Pitmen 6-11-5				
402	09-	BARGE BOY 368 (C House	e) J Old 6-11-	0				
403	139-	BOURGON SPEET 293 (F) (K Fischer) N	Francis 5-11-0				
404		CUT ABOVE AVERAGE 1	5 (J Conningn	em) M Wilkinson 5-11-0				
405	2-52	EAST RIVEN 18 (Mrs D R	usself) G Beid	ng 6-11-0				
408	0-004	PLIGHT HILL 10 (Mrs R S	tanley) D Elev	orth 6-11-0	Q Bradley 84			
407	121-6	FOR HEAVEN'S SAKE 14	8 (EF,F,G) (K	Self) C Broad 5-11-0	D Tegg —			
408	00/	PREE AGENT 715 (Mrs R	Lacy) J Giffor	d 7-11-0	T Platfeld (5)			
409		GENERAL MOSS 55 (Mrs	C Heath) O S	mrwcod 5-11-0	J Osborne —			
410		HARBONGER (Poll-mell Pa	ranem) J Giffor	d 5-11-0	E Murphy —			
411	39/-98	HAWKES BAY 36 (C Well	A) R Hodges 7-	11-0	H Device 74			
412	0	KING'S CURATE 17 (C EI	s) S Mellor 6-1	1-0	M Perrett			
413	80-P9	MILITARY EXPRESS 36 (Wisa S Gingali	R Hodges 7-11-0				
414	2	MOZE TIDY 15 (M Greens	atv) J Gifford	5-11-0				
415	221-F32	ONEUPMANSHIP 16 (5) (Stott) D Elsw	orth 5-11-0	D Powell @ 89			
415	D/06-	PARTY BOY 475 (Mrs J D	ebenham) P H	pbbs 7-11-0	Peter Hobbs			
417	00/579	ROSE MASTER 39 (G Has	a) G Ham 7-11	·				
418		SEA VALE (T Cheriton) N	Gessiee 6-11-	<u> </u>				
419	8-08	TINKLING STAR 18 (C An	derson) J Fex	6-11-0				
420	84	MHO,TT 850ft MHO B5 (Wedgeless Re	oing Litd) R Hodges 5-11-0	W Index			
(21	- 0/	COLDEN SUMMER 351 (1	Whelen P He	dger 7-10-8	R Goddings (7)			
	ETTING:	2-1 East River, 7-2 Oneu	omenship, 6-1	Flight Hill, 7-1 Vazon Bay,	10-1 General Moss, 12-1			
	nger, Fre	a Agent, 14-1 For Heaven	a Salce, 16-1	others.				
				n (5-2 fev) Mrs J Pitmen 10				
FO	RM	FOCUS YAZON	BAY WES	HAWKES BAY kept on a	t one pace from 2 out to nament at Wincenton (20), farme terms) 11 7th			
اعمال	leading r	ndi 2 out in the race word	PLEGG UP		frame terms) 11 7th			

NG: 7-2 Record Fight, 5-1 Reech Me Down, 6-1 Fermy Dilion, Hamper, 8-1 Tyred N'Snor resk, General Chryson, 10-1 Felworth,14-1 others.

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2.45 MUSSELBURGH STAYERS HANDICAP HURDLE (\$2,022: 3m) (10 runners)

BETTHICE 7-4 Cornet, 7-2 Welt You There, 5-1 Non Permanent, 6-1 Pacific Sound, 8-1 Premier Princ Bonnie Dundes, 14-1 others.

3.30 BET WITH THE TOTE NOVICES CHASE FAKENHAM 1 431F JAZETAS 46 GRFQ.5) N Calaghan 7-11-3... D Marph 2 -130 TEMPONES 31 (0.8,0.5) N Henderson 9-11-3 J Walt 3 -500 FRAIL ALMA 9 F.5 P Mitchel 7-10-10... R Damood 4 USUF HELLO SAN 22 F.) J Branet 7-10-10... I Lessence 6 5 5-P2 MASTER COMEDY 11 Miss L Bower 6-10-10 S Modeson 6 Selections By Mandarin 2.0 Thin Red Line. 2.30 Basrullah. 3.0 Ryton Run. 3.30 Jazetas. 4.0 Perroquet. 4.30 Monk's Mistake.

Brian Beel's selection: 4.0 King Neon.

2.0 SHERINGHAM SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (\$2,022: 2m 80yd) (11 runners) 1 -120 THEN RED LINE 15F (CD,V,S) J Jankins 6-11-10 2 034 NAUTICAL BELLE 277 (CD.(3), I Finger 6-11-8 5 McNeill 8 08-4 NAE BOTHER 17 J Wharion 6-11-4 S J O'Neil 4 090- SPHIOX 31F J Bostock 6-11-3 D Gallapher 6-409- SPHIOX 31F J Bostock 6-10-3 D Gallapher 6-409- SPHIOX 31F J Bostock 6-10-10 J McLanghile 7 2905 BASY ASHLEY 11 D Morris 4-10-1 J McLanghile 7 2905 BASY ASHLEY 11 D Morris 4-10-5 D Marris 9 PSPO DEEP WATER BAY 6 B McNeill 6-10-7 A Carroll 9 0055 STRADEY CASTLE 14 K Bridgester 4-10-8 B Rowell 11 P00 PULCATE 18 M Binnis 6-10-1 D Sityrme (5)

9-4 Nautical Balle, 7-2 Thin Red Line, 11-2 Nase Scher, 6-1 Culte So, 9-1 Deep Wister Bay, 10-1 Baby Ashley, 16-1 others. 2.30 SANDRINGHAM HANDICAP CHASE (23,348: 1 1212 AMMETTE'S VENTURE SO (CD,F.O. ID S SEVERS 0-11-11 R Desert 2 81F- PELE NA HAMIE 200 (CD,G) R Champion 7-11-7

2-1 Annetto's Venture, 11-4 Roadstar, 9-2 Falle Na Hines, Eastern Player, 14-1 others. 3.0 EBF NOVICES HURDLE (Qualifier: £1,506: 2m

1 FOIR SEVER SCHOOLS (D,S) J Redword 7-11-5 2 U PONTS FROLIC 83 N Henderson 5-11-0. R Demender 3 GS PATS MINISTIPEL 5 R Chemplon 5-11-0. R Demender 4 G-8 RYTON RUN 72 Mrs D Heine 5-11-0. S Bailth Ecoles 5 3708 ANMEZEL DO 32 H Hodge 5-10-9. I Laurence (3) 6 PLYING TREAT M Skinner 5-10-9. S Michiell 2-1 Pet's Minstrel, 5-2 Pilver Kingdom, 7-2 Ryton Run, 11-2 Fox's Froit, 16-1 others.

SOUTHWELL

Selections By Mandarin 2.10 The Pike, 2.40 Lilac Time, 3.10 Thirty First.

2.10 GIBSMERE HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,648: 3m) 5 1225 PURPLE PRINCE 46 (F.6) P Leach 7-10-.
6 2421 LUCY LASTIC 14 (CD.F.S) W City 8-19-0... Diene City
7 2601 KNNGFSHER RAY 11 B Peling 5-10-0 (Exc) C Evens
11-4 The Pike, 10-3 Purple Prince, 9-2 Threepland, 8-1
Lucy Leade, 8-1 Kingfisher Swy, 10-1 Reneture Wood.

2.40 MANSFIELD WOODHOUSE SELLING HURDLE (4-Y-O: £1,478: 2m 4f) (7) 1 46 AUTURN GALE 14 R O'Leary 10-10 L. Wyer
2 3463 WESHRARF 7 65 C Beever 10-10 B McGart 10-6
3 4P94 MESHRARF 7 46 R Williams 10-10 R Complete
4 BURNES PROGRESS 18 T Barton 10-5 M Disyer
5 42 PLM ILANTING GBL. 4 (87) J Henris 10-5 D Desmin 10-6
6 63 GCLEM MAKE 14 (7) R Dods 10-5 R Woods (3)
7 4628 LEAC TIME 25 R Hollinshead 10-5 Gery Lyons (3) 5-2 Burtos Progress, 3-1 Golden Imags, 4-1 Film Lighting Girl, 6-1 Mr Presity, 6-1 Meshrari, 10-1 Lilac Time.

3.10 LANGWITH NOVICES HURDLE (£1,632: 2m

11 PFG\$ LOTSCHEN LADY 11 D Gandollo 6-10-13.................. M Aham' 2-1 Lotechen Lady, 3-1 Dreaming Star, 4-1 Thirty First, 8-1 Jim's Top, 10-1 Brilliant Wish, 14-1 others.

88: 2m) (13)
41 HORLE RAIDIER 32 Jammy Fizgerald 6-12-1 ... 9 Byrne
6- ASHFELD BOY 358 G Smith 6-11-8 ...
9 COMERS GATE 19 G Prest 5-11-8 Iff J Durion
5 HT THE BOX 37 Jamsy Fizgerald 5-11-9 ... W Durse (7)
6- FRANCESCA-SELLE 279 P Leach 5-11-3 ...
2 POP ASROAD 18 P Bevan 5-11-3 J Lodder (3)
7 SPARKLING CRIDERS 25 N Twiston-Ouriee 6-11-3 8 VELA TARANTO 14 Mrs B Srunt 5-11-3.... Wr R Brunt 2 BEN 14 C Thornton 4-10-12.... Filteringh (7) GRACE CARD R Hotherhead 4-10-12.... Gury Lyona (5) LANDSKER CATS Mrs A Retoill 4-10-7. Gury Lyona (5) U.S.ADMIG SUPPLER 36 P Anderson 4-10-7 P Verling (5) WOOOLANDS LADY 30 Miss S Wilton 4-10-7. R Device (5) Course specialists TRANSPRI: Jimmy FitzGerald, 25 winners from 63 runners, 33.7%; Fi Hollinehead, 8 from 26, 28.6%; Mits E Heath, 3 from 14, 21.4%; Mit Basterby, 6 from 29, 20.7%; Miss S Wilton, 8 from 38, 20.5%; D Gandolfo, 6 from 38, 18.7%; C Bell, 5 from 31, 18.1%. JOCKEYS: A Jucion, 5 winners from 15 rides, 33.5%; D Byrns, 7 from 23, 30.4%; M Dwyer, 34 from 139, 24.5%; V Stattery, 4 from 17, 23.5%; Gery Lyons, 8 from 35, 22.9%;

Sandown results Geings soft

1.55 (2m hole) 1, INVENIESAD (3
Brackey, 6-4 tan); 2, Sitter Beack (7
Morgan, 8-1); 3, Fittis Assentational (M
Bowley, 6-1), ALSO PANE 7 Laplerre (6th),
8 Loaningdein (4th), 14 Young Fact, 20
Aktians (5th), Palears Suite (4th, 33 Solid
Guard, Craigmone (pu), Harreek, Prins
Hendrik (bu), Cuick Rapor (sol), Selfron
Palm, Saity Fars, Stru Fly, Smith College,
Super Sense, Dainabury (pu), Lagal Tins
(1), Walsh Pagearatry, 21 ran, NRI- Corbit's
Diamond, Hd, 251, 81, 82, 81 Diamonth et
Whitsbury, Toke: 22.50; 21.50, 21.50, 21.50, DF: 24.10, CSF: 21.53.

2.26 (5m 118 kd cth), TARTAM TROK (M 21.80. DF: S4.10. CSF: £18.53.

2.25 (3m 118yd ch) 1, TARTAN TRDK (M Boudly, 7-4 fav): 2, Bare Peg (M Futiong, 33-1): 3, Lever Bill (B Powell, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Express Art (h, 6 Celtic Pennior (pu), 8 Cestie Oeles (pu), Flontens Birthday (pu), 10 Never A Panny (4th), 66 Little General (pu), 9 ran. NR: Annetta's Venture. 3, 251, 201. Mrs. J. Pitman at Upper Lambourn. Tote: 2.250: £1.3n.

Upper Lambourn. Tote: 22.50; 21.30, 26.30, 22.50. DF: 228.20. CSF: 243.30. Tricast: £411.23. Tricest: \$411.25.

3.00 (2m 4f 88yd ch) 1, OUR NOBBY (8 Powel, 10-1); 2, liftneing liftn (R Rowe, 8-1); 3, Bertree (M Bowley, 6-1), ALSO RAN: 6-2 fav Eaststew (4th, 11-2 Southernair (), 6 f Obrittain Casele, 8 Aughewogue (5th, 12 Observer Corps (5td, Another Schadule (8th), 65 Problem Child. 10 ran. 2, 4, 1%, 4, %, M Madgwick at Demrased, Tote: 214,10; 22.70, 23.10, 22.80, DF; 230.00, CSF; 278.71, Tricest: 2510.02

2510.92.

3.90 (2m hole) 1, STAR SEASON (N Mann, 6-1); 2, Doe's Coat (S Whight, 16-1); 3, L-Usemo Pier (M Bowloy, 12-1); 4, Riegybey (L Hervey, 12-1); ALSO RAN: 9-2 hry Russic Comedy (h, 5 Chrammon Run (6th), 10 Katti (5th), 12 Horsto D'Alsaire, Moore Stylish, 14 Pansity Double, Thice Issue, 16 Squatdron, 20 Run High, Little Toro, Billia, Alic, 25 Greenhills Pride, 33 Pacciolus, Combined Beardise, Kings Victory, 20 ran. 4, nk, 6l, 11, nk. R Holder at Bristot, Toise 57.40; 22.20, 23.70, 63.10, 23.10, DF-275.90, GSF: 2102.72, Tricest 21,02.98.

4.05 (2m of 68yd ch) 1, HAND OVER (Mr. J. Harley, 5-1); 2, Purmago (Mes J. Barrow, 20-1); 3, Lansley (Mr. P. Hacking, 11-2). ALSO RAN: 5-2 faw Samballat, 9-2 Summons, 11-2 Half Five (58t), 14 Coolcotts (8th), 33 Penny King (48t), Price Zeus (pzi), 50 High Ridga. 10 ran. NR: Flaming Tide. 201, 81, 31, 12, 121, J. Harley at Drasdord. Toks: 25.00; 51.40, 25.50, 51.50. DF: 277.60. CSF: 278.56.

A48 (2m 57 75rd Intic 1. ABISTOS (5) 4.40 (2m 5f 75yd hdie) 1. ARISTOS (S McNeil, 33-1; 2, Celtic Dowe (S Eurle, 10-1; 3, Det Train (M Sowby, 2-1 lav). ALSO HAN: 9-2 Tom's Little Bet (5th), 6 Generous Scot, 8 Munjarid (5th), 9 Cardinal Raiph, 10 Soștal Climber (4th), 12

Nation Baka, 18 Febr Agnee (pul), 20 Culddity, 100 Thunderwood (ptd. Mr Avenger (pd.), Time Module. 14 ran. NR: Cuser's Cheplain. 15i, 8, 3t, 12t, 8t. J Oki at Shepton Mallet. Tota: \$125.60; \$11.30, 92.30; \$1.70. DF; \$297.10. GSP; \$313.41. Tricast: \$289.57. Jackpot: Not won (Pool of 217,275.70 carried forward to Sandown today). epot: E178.80.

Leicester Going: heavy (index; sort (ch)

1.45 (2m 4f Index); sort (ch)

1.45 (2m 4f Index); sort (ch)

Swiers, 9-2; 2, Dank Ronay (R Guest, 2-1

for); 3, The Hywhatcher (M Pitman, 5-1).

ALSO RAN: 7-2 Queen's Chaptein (4th),

10 Western Megic (put), 16 Continuorin

(put), 20 Concert Paper (5th), 25 Meas

Wransborough (8th), 80 Farmer's Toset,

Gold Hand, Grownton, Juriantian (pu),

Mester William, 13 ran, 194, 21, 20, 254,

24, 80; 21, 10, 21, 70, 22, 30, Dr. 25, 40.

CSF: 21, 24, 8.

2.15 (2m hole) 1, GO GO GORGEOUS (J Lodder, 11-9; 2, Bhrainghann's Pride (Gary Lyons, 7-2; 3, Fit For Counted (P Scudentors, 5-2 toy). ALSO RAN: 5 Senemo (Stit), Helio Sweetle (4th), 14 Earth Senem (Stit), 50 Bedgers (Sit. 7 en. 8, 12, 8, 15), ht. F. Jorden at Leonineter. Tota: 25.80; 22.20, 22.50, DF: 210.30. CSF: 213.58.

2.45 (3m ch) 1, TENEBARNT (Mr A Sansonie, 8-1); 2, Williatond (M. Pitaren, 4-7 fev); 3, Balanchi (P. Soudamore, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 6 High Edge Gray (4th), 12 Sneekspensy (ur), 26 Larry-O (5th), 6 ran. NP: Uncle Martin. 41, 161, 1/4, 51. C Saunders at Northampton. Tota: £9.50; 25.40; 21.20 DE: 65 6 CSS-212.20. Saunders at Northampton. Tota: 29.52.40, 21.20. DF: 95.80. CSP: 212.63. 2.15 (2m 4f oh) 1. MEDNEGHT TRAIN (M. Pitnan, 4-6 inv); 2. Belliammen (Mr. A Sansonne, 7-1); 3. El Gallico (J. Calcorne, 3-1). ALSO RAN: 44 Cella Traint (4th), 33 Royalty Bay (5th), 60 MB Folly (pu), 6 ran. 25, 1, dist, 11. Mrs. J. Pitnan at Upper Lambourn, Totac £1.50; £1.50, £1.90. DF: £2.80, CSF: £5.32

3.45 (2m ch) 1, GEORGIC (M Planen, 7-1); 2, Bandom Romanos (R Dunecody, 9-2); 3, Casery Town (N Williamson, 20-1). ALSO FAN: 5-4 fav Ashtious (pu), 4 Good Tonio (401), 12 lema Princess (pu), 14 Al Heshimi (51), 16 Romerhod, 20 Saintly Path, 33 Tenecount (501), 50 Footne, Gaisloe Glen (pu), Smith's Lad), 19 ran. 16. 114, 81. 41, 151 Mrs. J Plimen at Upper Lambourn. Tola: £5.70; £1.90, £1.20, £3.90, DF: £4.90, CSF: £4.00.

4.15 (2m hdie) 1, SPRING HAY (R Durwoody, 4-5 lav); 2, Dehn Fort (J Ophome, 6-1); 3, Leaden (S Curran, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 4 Scoosals Dersen; (401), 15-2 State (pu), 66 Little Red Flower (pu), 6

ran. sh hd. 251, 11. D Nicholson at Stow-ort-the-Wold. Tole: \$1.40; \$1.10, \$2.40, DF: \$3.00. CSF: \$5.66. After atswards inquiry result stands. epot: £9.80. **Lingfield Park**

Going: standard
1.49 (1m 2) 1, Sandicitis Star (M Hills,
11-10 tar); 2, Native Fish (25-1); 3,
Rapportsur (4-1), 7 ran, %1, %1, B Hills,
Tota: 22.40; \$1.40, 84.50, DF: \$7.10, CSF;
\$23.57. 2.19 (1 m) 1, Prior Charge (S C'Gorman, 14-1); 2. Sapphirine (3-1 h-Keyl; 3, Fallow Deer (11-2). Kings Aldermen 3-1 ji-4ev, 9 ran. 3, hd. Par Mitchell. Tobe: 217.6b; 24.40; 21.10, 21.70. DF: 247.90. CSF: 252.96. 2.40 (8) 1, Assistant (R Morae, 8-4 k-tav); 2, Magic Ana (8-4 k-tav); 3, Jovial Kate (7-1), 8 ran. str hd, 3, C Allen. Totac 22.30; 21.20, 21.30. DR: 22.00. CSR: 24.28. 24.26.
3.10 (5f) 1, Beckingham Ben (Dean McKeown, 5-2 h-fav); 2, Ration Of Passion (12-1); 3, Tylera Wood (5-2 h-fav), 5 ran, hd, 2i, J Leigh, Tota: £2.60; £1.10, £2.20, £1.50. DF: £8.30. CSP: £27.00. Tricast: £70.18. 3.46 (im 45) 1, Super Gunner (W Ryen, 100-90 fee); 2, Fibologyes Boy (12-1); 3, Gienstaf Abbey (10-1), 13 ran. 7, 254, M Fetherston-Godily. Totas: 22.77; 22.30, 24.20, 23.80. DF: £280.40. CSF: £45.02,

4.10 (im) 1, Super One (Alex Greenes, 2-1 fav); 2, Dr Maccarter (3-1); 3, Lingfield Lass (7-1), 8 ran. 4t, hd. T Barron, Tota: E3.10; 21.0, 21.80, 23.70, DF: £13.20, GSF: £10.27, Tricast: £38.11. Placepot: £20.70.



Thorburn reaps benefit of new thinking

The young man born at Rheindalen, a military base in West Germany, has had his explosive moments in a distinguished association with the game.

Paul Thorburn's playing career seems to have lurched in and out of controversy these past 18 months. The Neath full back will win his 27th cap in five years of international rugby when Wales arrive at Twickenham on Saturday afternoon.

He is probably as well known for his

extraordinary outburst against a certain journalist at the dinner following last year's Wales-England match as for the triple crown winning goals he landed in 1988 or the gargantuan 70-yard penalty goal he once struck in a Cardiff

Truth to tell, none of those moments begins to unravel the intricate nature and personality of the Wales full back and former captain. His sensitivity and growing dismay at the criticism made against him, much of it vitriolic, has created a shell into which he has retreated. He no longer gives interviews to the Press. An old acquaintance was accommodated but the disenchantment at his treatment by the media showed in the course of conversation.

"Unfortunately there are a few people in the media who ruin things for everyone, players and genuine rugby writers. What happened in Cardiff last year was the culmination of many things. It was unfortunate I picked on that one guy because it could have encompassed

Thorburn's invective was aimed at a Welsh writer who had committed the cardinal sin for a Welshman: publicly suggesting an English victory might be a good thing and create a brighter dawn for Wales. That was heresy and he was berated by the Welsh captain at the dinner. Certain unsavoury signs to a section of the crowd did not help. Thorburn had been under grievous

"I have learned my lesson from that," he says. "The most annoying thing was it took away the credit for a great Welsh performance. I regret that more than anything else, for the papers were plastered with that incident rather than the match."

What brought matters to a head was the abuse hurled in his direction.

"I don't think we get the support we should. When you get a situation where people write you off before you go on the field, I think that is wrong, instead of trying to encourage players, some critics seem to be making them think, 'Should I

"But it goes beyond that. When players think is it worth playing any players think is it worth playing any more, and I know many people have felt that, something is radically wrong. Amateur players do not deserve to cop the sort of flak some people hand out."

Thorburn winders who these critics

are. People who have never held a rugby ball in their life, in many instances. "You can accept criticism. I fully believe it is part of the game. But it depends how it is put and the number of times you see it." Thorburn was interested to take a telephone call this week from David

Campese wishing him well for Saturday. The Australian, who is in London on business, knows a thing or two about abuse, after throwing the errant pass that cost the Wallabies the international series against the British Isles last year. "I know full well what Paul is talking about. Criticism is inevitable but the people who usually make it have no

credentials whatsoever to be saying such things," the Australian said. Beneath the exterior of caution and acquired hostility there lurks a pride and an affability within Thorburn which many never see. Away from the intrusive microphone and the scribbling pen, he is the essence of friendliness and courtesy among his friends. If the game and those

abrasive attitude which he sometimes demonstrates, then that can only be

The record 220 points he has stowed away in his bag for Wales in inter-national rugby is testimony to his sustained excellence with the boot. But there may be more to come. At 27 he feels he is reaping the benefit of the new training programme devised by the fitness experts at the Xell Company, his new employers.

He feels stronger as befits a man now pumping weights for an hour and a half a day, five days a week. Tests on muscular prowess, fatigue and the other assorted scientific studies associated with leading modern day sportsmen have helped him enhance both strength and speed. He feels physically better equipped, mentally sharper for the fray. England

"We cannot be written off at Twick-enham. People talk about a psychologi-cal advantage we have over England but cal advantage we have over England but I don't think that really matters. Our record over them probably justifies that but it is because Welsh rugby at club level has been better than in England for many years. Few English sides have won in Wales. It is only now that England are starting to catch up."

The years since Thorburn's arrival on the international stage have been rich in promise but largely barren in product for Wales. He ascribes that to the disruptive changes in personnel among the team, coaching staff and selectors.

"New Zealand have shown you must have a settled, established pattern," he said. "Their side has hardly changed in four years. But in Wales, so many different faces coming on to the scene have prevented continuity. A settled side with continuity of players and playing patterns is essential. Wales still have the players but time and an uninterrupted playing policy is essential."



Kicking back: Thorburn, whose playing career has lurched in and out of controversy

Progress is made on leagues

League rugby in Wales looked to have taken another step closer following a "harmonious" meet-ing on Wednesday night be-tween the Weish Rugby Union (WRU) and the Merit Table

clubs.
The WRU is mandated by its member clubs to launch a fourdivision structure next season, although the Merit Table organization, which represents the leading 18 clubs in Wales, has long stood against its

But after the meeting, the secretaries of the two bodies, Denis Evans, of the WRU and Brian Jones, of the Merit Table,

"The Weish Rugby Union and the Merit Table clubs have met and have had a harmonious meeting. Further progress has been made," the statement read. "The Merit Table clubs will meet on February 22 and then a full statement will be made. No other meetings are planned

That is almost certain to mean the sides have finally come to an agreement on the introduction of leagues, al-though the Merit clubs are still keen to see changes in the Union proposed format.

 Philip Danaher will captain the Ireland Under-25 team against the United States Eagles at Thomond Park, Limerick, on

TEABL J Bassies (London Irish); J Clarke (Dophin), P Debeber (Garryowen, cap-ish), V Cutainghem (Si Mary's College), P Marry (Shannot); P Hennebry (Terenure College), A Blair (Dunganon); M (Popplewell (Greystones), J O'Riordan (Constitution), G Helpin (Wanderers), P Johne (Duclin University), M Galwey (Shannon), K O'Conneal (Sungary's Well), D Mistride (Malone), B Retirese

Llewellyn may yet be the prince of the cabbage patch

England have been promising smch of bise and at times have accusally delivered. But mention Wales and great clouds gather. Suddenly, it becomes sharply and darkly desolute. England can show only five wins on the old cabbage patch in the last 30

will not have escaped notice, it has not been the most inspiring of periods for Wales and yet they will arrive at Twickenh

will arrive at Twickeaham to-morrow attempting to best Eng-land for the fifth consecutive time since 1986.

Welsh influence, I dare say, has played its not inconsiderable part in many an English down-fall. Yet I imagine some of England's own players, by show-ing no real stomach for the fight, have helped them on their way. They have had more than their

macomfortable with it, is a sporting weakness in rugby teams of these islands. Teams, however good they are, prefer mysteriously to be underdogs. This is not good enough in order to compete consistently at the highest level.

But the title of the favoured team has to be earned in the first

team has to be earned in the first early a stage has its own pitfalls. To understand the very bubble nature of reputation should be

However, to play down the opposition, to fail to understand exactly the nature of the game against Wales and what spirit informs the occasion — one of the most evocative in the British sporting calendar — or, worse, to pretend not to care all that ically, England are a formidable team. Tomorrow they have to prove whether their minds are in time with the task, too. The psychologist is already in place. Should the jealous ear eaves-drop on all their talk? Last year

He lost the game when be first started thinking that way. He would have been better advised at the time to have had a fireside

Will Carling admitted that he treated the game like any other and said as much with a fortnight to go. At the same time

chat with his father who, while in the Army, had a season or two with Cardiff. He would surely

Gerald Davies

This year, if we listen to the whispers, the declaration is that England will win provided they do not allow themselves to be dragged down to Waies' level. Is it perchance that within this corious analysis we find the reason for past failure, too? There is either a delusion of avandow at the heart of this or

A nere is either a delusion of grandent at the beart of this or else it begins already to sound like an apology. Last year there were some, if I remember cor-rectly, who, come the defeat in Cardiff, blamed the rain. on occasions. But what they down, good ones do not. Good have lacked against Wales is, if teams soon come to terms with a you see what I mean, the set of conditions — of players or rathless instinct of the the weather — and finally, more

receitioner. often than not, overcome them. Not coming to terms with New Zealand, with whom being favourites, and feeling comparisons are already being made, simply add up the points.

For the moment, with Englands of these islands. Teams, land, at least, the glow we however good they are, prefer perceive is the desire of wishful thinking. Only time and success, and there has not really been enough of either of these, will turn the hoping that something might be into knowing it will be.

England are beginning to faifil their promise; Wales re-main without the comfort of any promise. That 14 men should have played so valiantly against france that they lost by five tries to one is no basis for any kind of useful judgement. Come tomorrow, the English camp will have exhausted its analysis of Welsh weaknesses but will it have come the passion the occasion

something of the spirit of Water something of the spirit of Water-loo and Agincourt around Parc des Princes two weeks ago. It is, with the odds so beavily stacked against them, the indomitable spirit of Liewellyn, the last of its princes, that will insumate the Welsh team tomorrow.

Geoff Cooke and Roge Uttley, if all the eventualities have been covered in their squad training, will have been well advised to have called a Welsh history teacher as well as psychologists on board. They all somehow seem to count these

If they have done so, their morale will be bolstered in knowing that the English, hav-ing tried to undermine Liewellyn's authority by other means, finally bashwacked him. match as no more special than any other. But in Wales, you see, they do, he would have added. English rugby, it seems. It was such a disester. And for

Bristol compensated for defects to stand

rain and defective seating.

The club sued its builders, Stone and Company, during a three-day trial at Bristol Crown Court but the architects, Atkins, Sheppard, Fidler and Associates, will have to meet the bill offer acception exponentiality for after accepting responsibility for

a building company, believed to day between Swansea and Brisbe around £850,000, as comoriginal selection, including Lewis, their lock and captain, while the English have in-troduced Bracegirdle, of Salford, to replace the injured McLeod on the left wing.

● Floyd Steadman, the Saracen scrum half who led the club s scrum hair who led the club to promotion to first division of the Courage Clubs Championship last year, is to retire at the end of this season.

 Neville Compton, the man credited with converting Wasps from an unfashionable club to rugby, has died, aged 80. He made his debut for Wasps as a setting a larger root, steeper seating a new floor and galvanized seats to protect them from rusting.

• England and Wales meet in a universities international at Richmod this advanced with

Ranking nake a ii purie s ii STUDENT SPORT Television tonic for

officials of Games

By Peter Davenport

Officials of the company organizing the World Student Games to be held in Sheffield organization the control of the cont commitments from 22 countries to show pictures of the Games.
The countries in which television companies have given undertakings include Japan, Australia, New Zealand and Canada, and although the negotiation appearance is still in

Canada, and although the regu-tiating programme is still in progress, the coverage secured so far is already more than that given to any previous Univer-siade. It is also confidently expected that talks with an organization of 31 regional cable networks in the United States will produce a further

Yesterday Foggin said that he was confident an eventual world-wide audience of 200 world-wide andiente of an enticing prospect to put before big international sponsors.

We are not complacent but

we feel that the commitments secured so far will provide us with the tools to help win major international sponsors. We are only part-way through our nego-tiating programme and it is clear that we could be adding addi-tional audiences right up to the Games itself," Foggin said. "What it does show is that 18 months before the Games, we have a credible international

have a credible international platform to offer sponsors."

Originally Universiade had expected that either the BBC or ITV would provide coverage of the Games for selling onto a world-wide andience but those hopes soon proved to be ill-founded. The company now accepts that it will have to act as host broadcaster and provide pictures for companies around the world to take from satellite and it is recognized that if this decision had been taken at the outset, plans would now be outset, plans would now be

nuch more advanced.

It will not be charging for the coverage but intends to gain its financial return by offering an nnancial return by outering an attractive platform to sponsors. Universiade budgeted £2 million, in its revised £27 million costings for running the Games, to provide host broadcasting but it still hopes that this figure can be further trimmed to £1.5

million.
In a further move to tie up the In a further move to the up the television coverage, the Universiade board disclosed yesterday that it was appointing Grand Slam Sports Ltd., a London-based specialist sports broadcaster, to organize and provide the coverage.

Between now and June it will

carry out an intensive research programme to identify all the equipment and personnel— cables, cameras and crews— which will be required and then Grand Slam will organize and produce the actual coverage of the Games which will attract some 6,000 athletes from more than 160 nations around the

University ready for a landslide By Mark Herbert

In the closing stages of the Commercial Union UAU winter season, Loughborough University's march gathers strength. Only one of their sides lost in the competition on Wednesday - the netball second team - and four of their five hockey teams have reached their respective finals. The fifth, the women's first team, plays its semi-final against Swansea next

The men's first team needed 2-0 at Cannock, Goals in the first period by Jason Lee and Danny Kerry gave Lough-borough the chance to recover the title they lost to Birmingham

Loughborough's opponents
will be Sheffield, who overcame
Swansea 1-0 at Liverpool. Land
scored from close range in the

Birmingham ensured their place in the women's final with a 6-0 win against Leeds at Liverpool. The hockey finals will be held at Coventry on

Leeds also came the wrong side of a heavy defeat in the football championship, Lough-borough triumphing 5-0 at Manchester. Howarth, a central defender, maintained his impressive scoring run with a brace and Matthews Reddin and Crane were also on target.

In the rearranged quarter-final on Wednesday, Exeter overcame Sheffield 2-1 and meet Kent in the semi-final on

meet Kent in the semi-final on February 28.

Birmingham, the netball champions, had their match against Newcastle postponed. Loughborough, who were beaten by Nottingham in the group rounds, gained revenge by 42-34 in the semi-final.

Tom Faulkner, a replacement left wing drafted in at the last minute, scored four of Bristol four of Bristol.

win over City of London in the Rugby Union championship quarter-final replay. In the women's hockey quarter-final, Brighton, the holders, best Ox-ford 4.1

Scots get early scent of victory

By Alan Lorimer

unmistakable gallic odour, a mixture of garlic and Gauloises that not even the ever-present winds that blow the length of Princes Street can disperse. The French are back in Scotland for what has become one of the most eagerly awaited inter-national matches at Murrayfield, second only to the visit of England.

In Scotland at present there is an anticipation of something akin to the 1984 season which may owe more to passionate allegiance than rational judge-ment. In spite of two victories this season, against Fiji and Romania, Scotland had a Ireland two weeks ago and were a shade fortunate to return with

two points.
TheScotland selectors have stayed faithful to the 15 that played at Lansdowne Road, registing the resisting the temptation to tamper with the second row on whom the blame for poor

lineout possession fell.
Scotland's most capped scrum half, Roy Laidlaw, puts his team's performance against lestend down to rustiness. Ireland down to rustiness.
"Scotland came in cold against game under its belt. The other factor was that the half-back partnership was together for the first time since October," he said. "Chalmers's injury forced him out of the district championship and the national trial. When I partnered John Ruther ford, I regarded my games for South as crucial to our understanding of each other's play."

Although the French have

seemed vulnerable at Murray field in recent years, Laidlaw sounds a cautionary note. "Scot-land could experience a back-lash in the wake of their huge players will be keen to impress and even if some of them are unknown here they will still be

It is hard school in France, their domestic rugby is of a very high standard and so it is much easier for their players to step up to international rugby than it is for the Scots or the Irish." Laidlaw, who remembers the

special atmosphere of the French match with affection, has no illusions about the task facing the Scots. "The French defence is difficult to break down. Backs like Sella are very clever in defending wide out. Scotland will have to take the French on up front and kick well

While Scotland field an unchanged line-up, they will how-ever greet the French with a special welcome. Flower of Scot-land will be sung for the first time in the five nations' champ-ionship, something Laidlaw missed in his playing days. Sean Lineen, the centre, who injured shoulder ligaments in the game against Ireland, and Iwan Tukalo, who bruised ribs in his club game last Saturday, have been pronounced fit for

Prisma's change of direction

Tony Carter, the chairman of the Prisma sports marketing company which planned to advise rugby union players, yesterday said he would be setting up another company that would be a wholly-owned subsidiary. Carter denied Prama had gone out of business, but said: "It is true we are changing direction in rugby football."

and strong wind favoured St. 7 Gendemosi, N Targett, W Chasamaie, D Andrew's in the first half and they led when Galperin, who had missed two dropped-goal attempts, kicked a straight forward penalty awarded for off-side. They went further ahead when Bosicovich scored from a tapped penalty but Galperin. Carter said Prisma was "pro-mature" in getting involved with some rugby clubs in raising money for them.

oney for them. Meanwhile, Carter made clear that a former employee, Alex Keay, had not lost his job, but had resigned.

Carling shrugs off any psychological hold by the Welsh A wickedly cold west wind - it is part of England's specific is tempting to say that it came recipe for the Welsh. "Simon's games very heavily, and their

direct from Wales - greeted a very talented player and gives us more attacking and defensive options," Carting the England players at Feltham yesterday as they trained for the five nations' champ- said. Defence will include a ionship match at Twickenham tomorrow; if they best the Welsh there, they will be one short of their first grand slam for 10 years, though no such ionship match at Twickenham for 10 years, though no such expectation has entered the field, which was rehearsed

of a significant division of views in the wake of the captaincy selection which favoured Egan

over another Australian, Troy

Smith never made such a de-cision. It is hoped the coming together of the two players will help resolve a conflict that has split Oxford rugby down the

failed to put the unmarked Lamm in for a try. A second St

Lamm in for a try. A second St Andrew's penalty kicked by Orti and a third by Galperin gave them a 13-0 interval lead. Harvey's penalty for a scrum-mage offence cut the lead; but immediately Galperin broke thrillingly, chipped ahead, Lamm backed on and Kersten got the touchdown.

Another enormous touch car-ried play to the visitors' line and, after a clumsy tap-down, the ball squirted out for Raphael

to pick up adroitly and dive over. When Harvey converted, Andrew's knew they had a real contest on their hands.

The scoreline narrowed fur-

The scoreine narrowed fur-ther when Galperin duffed his clearance, Kasamale fielded and fed Harvey, who gave Targett the scoring pass. The conversion was missed and St Andrew's ended the game on the attack,

SCORERS: Belmost Abbey: Trice: Re-prest, Terget. Conversion; Harvey Pen-sity: Harvey. St. Andrew's: Trice; Bostovich, Kersten. Penestees: Gelperin (2), Ord.

But Egan will make clear that

thinking of the English camp. several times yesterday. Will Carling, the captain, when asked which of the two Carling shrugs off any suggestion that Wales exercise remaining games — against Wales and Scotland — he a psychological grip on what-ever team England, who have feared most, denied that any won four times in the last 20 years, put into the field. "I thought had yet been given to the Scots. "Our preparation have never believed that this has been specific to each side match is anything other than we have come up against," he another five nations' game," said, "and we are not looking be said. "If the Welsh believe we have come up against." he it's something different, fine. We don't believe we have a beyond this Saturday." Nevertheless there is a snap psychological problem. We lost last year because we didn't

and a confidence about England's work; despite the perform in certain areas wind, there was scarcely a ball dropped in training including the plethora of high kicks "Wates are a good side and I admire them for some of the rugby they have played but I see no difference between which Richard Hill was serving to Simon Halliday, his club colleague, in preparation them and, say, a passionate for defensive chores in Halliday's new international Scottish side. We have looked at their team as a whole and position of right wing.

to arrive for a match against Combined London Old Boys. It was suggested that he would not play for the university because Matters had reached such a

Handling skills give

St Andrew's an edge

By Peter Bills

An attempt is to be made to heal the serious breach that has so disrupted the Oxford University

disrupted the Oxford University
club this term. A joint statement
will be issued by Mark Egan, the
captain, and Brian Smith, his
predecessor, saying in effect that
Smith never refused to play for
the Dark Blues this term.

The message which will clear
Smith's name comes three
weeks after the Australian failed
to active for a match against

to arrive for a match against Combined London Old Boys. It was suggested that he would not

By Michael Stevenson

In a magnificent contest that could hardly have been bettered for handling skills outside the scrum from the winners and virorous, uncompromising for-ward play from Belmont Abbey, St Andrew's, of Buenos Aires, thoroughly deserved what in the

end was a narrow victory by two tries and three penalties to a goal, a try and a penalty. St Andrew's were well served by Braun and Bosicovich in the

by strain and Bostcovich in the pack but their chief glory lay in the speeds, handling and support play of their backs for whom Kersten and Galperin were stupendous.

Sometimes Belmont had no present but Benhad and Hong

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answer out Raphaer and Har-rey, at stand-off half, played well for them and during a remarkably prolonged second half the home pack managed to establish considerable

Belmont Abbey...

St Andrew's

style of play. We don't know what style they will adopt adapt to whatever they throw

His restoration to the team players who influence their morning.

against us but we have to Many of the English players

were delighted by the support which greeted them at the Parc des Princes a fortnight ago and will be looking for a far greater volume tomorrow. Carling described the crowd in France as "phenomenal" but added the cautionary note that the support would depend on England's approach. "We will try and play a varied game,"

"Exactly how we start remains to be seen but at times we will want to play it tight, at times we will want to play it open. The depth of prepara-

England, whose forwards

tion of this side leads to a belief in the style we adopt. The Welsh pose different problems to, say, the French and we have had to tailorareas of our game to meet

scrummaged against the Richmond pack on Wednesday, will have their final run at the they have some world-class Stoop Memorial Ground this

nadir that four Dark Blues, Smith, Coker, and the Ameri-cans, Gary Hein and Don James, preferred to play for Public School Wanderers this

week rather than Oxford. The

trouncing the university re-ceived from the Army on Wednesday brought into focus the damage being done to Oxford rugby by the dispute.

Statement imminent on Oxford split

at this stage, but it would be fair to say it involves a harmony of views." Smith, who now hopes to represent Oxford before the end of the term added: "It was a complete fabrication to say that I told Mark I would not play for Oxford. Certain members of the there has been an orchestrated campaign against them and I am delighted that this statement

The role of certain people associated with the club has been shown in an unsavoury light by the troubles. But yesterday Egan confirmed a state-Just two defeats give Tavistock best season

Tavistock College, a com-prehensive school in Devon, have just concluded their best season; they lost only to Exeter School (7-19) and a powerful Old Boys side (0-12). They scored 329 points while conceding only 94. The side scored 61 tries, with Rush, the No. 8, contributing 16 of them. Their leading point scorer was the booker, Chappell, with 85. hooker, Chappell, with 85.

Tavistock have produced such famous rughy names as David Trick and Graham Dawe and normally they would, considering the strength of their fixture list which includes a name of the control of the control of their fixture list.

number of independent schools, consider a break-even season to consider a break-even season we be very satisfactory.

The master-in-charge, Tony Welsh, stresses that in an outstanding team effort, Badge on the wing, and the captain, Down, in the centre, have seasond the side particularly well. Down, in the centre, have served the side particularly well.
Silcostes have won 16 and lost four matches this season. They are particularly pleased to have defeated Leeds GS, Bradford GS and QEGS Wake-field at both first and second XV levels. Eddie and Davis, who represented Yorkshire 18 Group, and Stimpson and Stepherd, of Yorkshire 16 Group, have been outstanding. Their

have been outstanding. Their most recent wins have been

against Ermysted's GS (49-6),

Michael Stevenson

Woodhouse Grove (20-0).
Bradford GS (25-16), Leeds GS (27-6) and QEGS Wakefield (18-6).
The Daily Mail Under-15 Cup is moving into its quarter-final ties: RGS High Wycombe v King Edward VII, Lytham v King Edward VII, Lytham v King Edward VII, Aston; Bradford GS v Racefiffe; and Colle's v either Wellington (Berks) or Bristol GS. The semi-final will be played at Wolverhampton on the morning of the Calcutta Cup match, March 17, and the final at Twickenham on April 7.
Kirkham GS are still going well, with four defeats, two well, with four defeats, two draws and 14 wins to their credit. Their most recent wins were against Hatton GS (37-10) and Ormskirk GS (64-0) and the only side to beat them since early October is Stonyhurst. They will shortly embark on a three-match, half-term tour of

The Netherlands.
Trent College under 15s deserve congratulations, as they are unbeaten for the second successive season. Their record is 22 played, 19 won and three drawn. Points for were 540 and against 106. Russell broke even with seven wins and seven defeats. The high spots of the season were the

victories against King's, Macclesfield, and Kirkham GS.

pensation for design faults in its 1988 centenary stand. Among complaints from sup-porters, the £500,000 stand was said to offer poor visibility, little protection from wind-swept

Modifications, estimated to cost around £750,000, will now be undertaken with the stand getting a larger roof, steeper seating, a new floor and gal-

Richmond this afternoon, with, never missed a game

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minute, scored four of Bristol Polytechnic's tries in their 27-13

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Ranking positions make a nonsense of Durie's patriotism

By Andrew Longmore, Tennis Correspondent

There was something symbolic about the Moet and Chandon British ranking awards yesterday. Both the respective No. 1s, Jeremy Bates and Monique Javer, had influenza, which is entirely appropriate because the whole rankings process is rife with disease.

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The problem is that no one, least of all the players, seems to know how the rankings are calculated. The men were under the impression that they were being measured by a quarterly average of the com-puter rankings. They were not. The women thought the final decision lay with the Lawn Marie the County of the County Tennis Association's ranking committee. It did not. Both ranking lists were taken from the computer positions at the end of the year.

There can be few arguments about the men's rankings. about the men's rankings, which hopefully will clear up the mess. It should not be British player through the year, was unbeaten in Davis Cup and is now ranked exactly 100 places higher than the British No. 2, Nick Brown.

Chris Bailey that No. 2. Chris Bailey, the No. 3, can legitimately argue that he was ranked above Brown for much ranked above Brown for much of the year and therefore on a ought to go back to the old

the other adopted, will meet in the final of the \$50,000 (approximately £30,300) men's Challenger at Croydon today (Andrew Longmore writes). Udo Riglewski is German born and bred and is one of a number of hullting potential

number of hulking potential successors to Boris Becker rising through the ranks of German tennis. His opponent, Christian Saceanu, is a Romanian by birth, but claims German citizenship through his mother. He moved to West Germany

quarterly average would have days when the tennis writers been No. 2. But it is fine tuning and, realistically, there is not much to choose between

The women's rankings are rather less clear-cut. It is not Javer's fault, but that she should be the British No. 1 is patently absurd. She only became eligible to play for Britain two years ago, still lives in her native California and, for whatever reason, refused to represent Britain in team competitions last year. and who was for much of the year the leading British player in the rankings, is under-standably upset at being demoted.

A recommendation will be put to the management com-mittee of the LTA next month beyond the wit of the LTA to devise a points system based ional championships to produce a genuine rankings

decided the rankings. Bates, at least, struggled into his suit yesterday to accept his award, Javer, confined to her bed back home in northern

California, received hers by proxy. Awards of £1,000 for the players who have made the most significant progress in 1989 went to Nick Brown and Sarah Bentley. James Turner and Belinda Borneo received £650 for their industry and effort during the year, while Samantha Smith, aged 18, and Jo Durie, who has always Paul Robinson, aged 15, won answered the call of country £600 each in the junior category.

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BRITISH FIAMCRICS (1999 placings in brackets) filese: 1, J Besse (Surroy) (1); 2, N Brown (Chee) (-); 3, C Balley (Nortch) (3); 4, A Castle (Som) (2); 5, J Turner (Avon) (12); 8, M Petchey (Essex) (11); 7, N Fuhrood (Derbys) (6); 8, D Sepalord (Surrey) (9); 9, S Botfield (Essex) (8): 10, D Ison (Laics) (-); 11, S Cole (Surrey) (-); 16, D Ison (Laics) (-); 11, S Cole (Surrey) (-); 16, C Windmann (Hants and IDW) (-); 15, G Engleman (Moth) (-); 18, A Sproule (Lancs) (-); 19, N Flussell (Surrey) (-); 20, D Alt (Dev) (-), Wessen (1, M Jawer Innett) (3); 2, J Durle (Avon) (2); 3, S Gomer (Devon) (1); 4, C Wood (Susses) (4); 5, A Grunfald (Lancs) (7); 6, A Hobbs (Chee) (-); 7, A Simplim (Leics) (10); 8, V Lake (Devon) (11); 9, S Smith (Essex) (12); 10, S Loosemore (S Wales) (5); 11, B Borneo (Beds) (-); 12, J Salmon (Sussex) (6); 13, L Gould (Essex) (13); 14, S Bartiey (Lincs) (-); 15, J Louis (Devon) (16); 16, K Rickett (Warwicks) (17); 17, R Violet (Lancs) (-); 18, K Humber (Surrey) (18); 20, A Niepel (Lancs) (-).

Teutonic pride is at stake final service game.

be free to travel more on the international circuit. Come May, and the Davis Cup tie in Bucharest, the British team could be thankful for that Saceanu and Riglewski, who beat Olivier Soules of France in three sets and two and a half hours of muscly rather than artful tennis, will know each others. other's games well enough because they play together at the In the quarter-finals, Saceanu comfortably best Nick Brown, who could play the second singles in Romania; yesterday, he had a tougher match against Nuno Marques, a tall gentle left-hander from Portugal. Marques had three points to take the second set, two on Saceanu's Decause they play together at the same club in Germany.

RESULTS: Singles: Semi-finals: U
Figlework (WG) by O Scules (Fr), 7-5, 5-7, 5-3; C Saccess (WG) by N Marques (For), 5-4, 7-6. Deables: Semi-finals: A Castle (Someraso) and O Delaire (Fr) by P
Svensson (Swé) and L Wahlgren (Swe), 51, 6-3 N Brown (Cheshire) and N Fulwood (Derbys) by J Center (US) and B Gerrow (US), 7-6, 6-1.

YACHTING

Dalton's decision rewarded

The extreme southerly and shorter course around the bottom of the globe being taken by Grant Dalton's Fisher-& Paykel finally paid off yesterday when the New Zealand ketch opened up a 24-mile lead over her principal Whithread Round the World Race rival. Steinlager 2. World Race rival, Steinlager 2. As well as losing distance on Fisher & Paykel, the Peter Blake skippered Steinlager, now track-

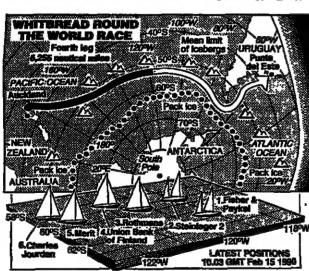
ing a course towards Cape Horn 135 miles to the north, also lost ground to the third-placed Britsh yacht, Rothmans. Laurie Smith and his crew, tracking the 60th Parallel once more, midway between the two New Zealand yachts, has pulled back 50 miles on Steinlager since Tuesday and trails the overall leader by just 25 miles. Fasizi, the Soviet entry led by Skip Novak, now the second most southerly yacht in the fleet, also appears to have benefited from the better winds to move closer to the leaders. Overtaking Harry Harkimo's Finnish entry. Belmont Finland, to take seventh place overnight, the ba-nana-shaped Russian sloop set the best average speed between

satellite passes yesterday, making I I knots against the nine set by Fisher & Paykel.

Smith's predictions in The Times on Wednesday that the variable conditions would lead to some dramatic place changes, came to fruition yesterday, with Charles Jourdan, Alain Gabbay's French ultra-light design, which is taking an extreme by Fisher & Paykel.

fifth to eleventh. Most of the others in the leading group, including UBF Finland, Merit and Martela OF, have escaped the worst by moving further south.

BASKETBALL



Judged from the course taken by Steinlager during the past 24 hours, that the New Zealand ketch is facing headwinds, which would account for her sudden loss of distance relative Rothmans.

In a radio report to race headquarters yesterday, Andrew Cognill, skipper of the veteran British cruiser, With Integrity, reported that these headwinds spread at least 500 miles behind the leaders.

With Integrity trails her cruis-ing rival, Creightons Naturally, by 100 miles, but remains 200 miles ahead of Patrick Tabarly's sign, which is taking an extreme leading division 3 yacht, ortherly route, dropping from L'Esprit de Liberté. L'Esprit de Liberté.

Tracy Edwards's all-women crew on Maiden are maintaining second place in this class, but lost 30 miles overnight after Mikaela Von Kuskull, the Finnish sail trimmer on board, was

LEADING POSITIONS: Complied at 14:46 GMT yesterday with miles to Punta del Ente Mand divisions. I, Fisher & Paylon (G. Dation, NZ), 2,923 miles; 2, Steinlager 2 (P. Bates, NZ), 2,947; 3, Rothsters (I, Smith, GB) 2,972; 4, USF Finland, (I, Ingred, Finl., 2,957; 5, Marth (P. Fehlmann, Switz), 3,035; 6, Martist OF (M. Wilson; Finl., 3,052; 7, Fasial (S. Novak, USSRI), 3,074; 8, Balmont Finland (H. Hartisto, Finl., 3,101; 3, 5, Fortuna (J. Santana, Sp.), 3,115; 10, NCS Ireland (J. Brojish, Ire), 3,116; 11, Clarries Jourdan (A. Gabbay, Fr), 3,115; 12, Sartyusch Shitch Defender (Cdr. C. Watdons, GB), 3,128; 13, The Card (R. Nilson, Swel), 3,158; 14, Gatorade (G. Faick, N., 3,177; 15, Liverpoot Enterprise (B. Salmon, GB), 3,255. Division 2: 1, Equity and Law (D. Nauta, Neth), 3,408. Division 2: 1, L'Esprit de Liberté (P. Taberty, Fr), 3,502; 2, Malden (T. Edwards, GB) 3,696; 3, Schussel von Bremen (R. Pareck, WG), 3,715; 4, La Poste (B. Malle, Fr), 3,827; 5, Rucanor Sport (B. Dubois, Bel), 5,304. Crulier (Misson), 3,471; 2, With Integrity (A. Cophill, GB), 3,486.

knocked unconscious by the boom during a Chinese gybe. Yesterday, Edwards reported that Von Kuskull was out cold for five minutes but is now

FOOTBALL: ANFIELD OLD BOY ENJOYS AN INDIAN SUMMER TO HIS LONG CAREER

Evergreen Case gets a kick out of youth



By Clive White

young talent that surrounds him at Southampton, Jimmy Case would probably already have played his last game at Anfield. On the eve of yet another Liverpool reunion in the FA Cup 6th round to the reason. On the eve of yet amount of the FA Cup fifth round tomorrow, Case extended his gratitude to the likes of Matt Le Tissier and Rodney Wallace for helping to sustain his interest in the game at an age when most players are thinking more of the future than present. Case, who is enjoying one of his best seasons at the age of 35 in a long and distinguished career, believed that he would probably have been tempted into a coaching job had he not got such enormous pleasure from playing with Southampton's precocious young set. "If it wasn't so enjoyable, you might say, at my age, "what's the use." I wouldn't be interested in playing in a mediocre side full of old heads that weren't going anywher. heads that weren't going any-where. I need a challenge and these lads have provided that," he suid.

transfer speculation surround-ing the Wallace twins and Le Tissier, Case's remarks sound distinctly like a plea to them not distinctly like a plea to them not to break up a happy home. While Case would be the last person to stand in the way of young men's dreams, he seemed to be hinting at some concern over the discontent at the clab reflected in recent results when he said: "The progress of Matt Le Tissier and Rodney Wallace decends on them growing up leaving the club eight years ago. The latest get-together depends upon his recovery from a knee ligament injury. But he is optimistic. Victories against Liverpool have been preciously few, though while at Brighton Case did figure in two FA Cup wiss against them, scoring the only goal of the game in one memorable upset. But he knows better than most how difficult that can be. Le Tissier and Rodney Wallace depends on them growing up with the right attitude. They need to settle down and concentrate on their football. Then who knows how far they could go," he said.

Case's attitude has always been first-class. He is the model professional, diligent and as enthusiastic as he was the first day he came into the game. He

enthusiastic as he was the first day he came into the game. He insists an doing all the training that the young boys do and takes pride, and doubtiess a psychological boost, from managing it.

But then Case was given the perfect schooling at Anfield. He was the local boy who graduated to play with the stars and never stopped giving his all as a way of repaying the management for their faith in him. The crowd, who found it easier to associate with Case than some other Liverpool players, have not forgotten him. He holds a special place in their hearts.

"They're very knowledgeable. They keep tabs on you as you as you continue through your career and they remember you for the amount of sweat you put in on their behalf as a player. I'm looking forward to going there."

By coincidence, Case has played against Liverpool store often than any other team since

Zenith Cup television late stages of season By Peter Ball

The tenuous hold the football Scottish FA, while both Euroauthorities have on the televis-ing of football within their boundaries is looking increasingly vulnerable. Already being challenged at the European Commission by ITV, UEFA restrictions on the showing of live overseas football, and their application by the home associ-ations, are being further tested

by the satellite companies. British Satellite Broadcasting (BSB) is planning to show the Celtic v Rangers match live on April I, a date when ITV will be showing an English League match, almost certainly Aston Ville v Manchester City. BSB is showing an English League match, almost certainly Aston Villa v Manchester City. BSB is to have it," Jim Farry, secretary of the Scottish FA said yesterday. "The last thing we want comes on stream, although the is a country-wide telvision." comes on stream, although the head of sport for BSB, Andrew Croker, insisted yesterday that live match."
the Italian Football would not Glen Kirt

be screened against live domestic matches.

Meanwhile, Sky Television is showing Zenith Data Systems Cup matches live in Scotland, so far without the approval of the played on Thursdays.

OLYMPIC GAMES Sports ban to stay on

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scoulan FA, while both Euro-sport and Screensport are show-ing overseas football in this country without FA consent. All these programmes are in direct contravention of Article 14 of the UEFA regulations which requires the consent of the home exercision.

requires the consent of the home association.

The Zenith Cup in particular is causing problems, with the Scottish FA adamant that it does not want the games shown in Scotland. "When we were asked if we wanted the signal transmitted we made it very clear to our colleagues on the English EA that we do not wish

match to be shown up against a

Glen Kirton, the television

Colorado Springs, Colorado (AP) — A ban on South Africa's participation in international of the black leader, Nelson Mandela, according to Robert Helmick, the president of the United States Olympic Com-

mittee
"No matter what changes are made, they are not going to be enough until the apartheid law is taken off the books," Helmick said yesterday. Helmick had been meeting South African sports officials, including Johan du Plessis, president of the South African

Olympic Committee, in De Moines, Iowa, Helmick said he was encouraged by what he had "There is a good possibility the apartheid law will be repealed sometime in the not-too-distant future," he said. "Until that is done, the USOC is fully

Du Plessis said it will take time for South Africa to be accepted back into the IOC. South Africa last competed in the Olympics in 1960. Du Plessis conceded the IOC's ban against South Africa

Listening to Case talking about Liverpool it is comparable to one grand chess master exiciling the virtues of another. "It's intriguing in your mind to play them. They're the best exponents of tactics. They can change in mid-stream. If they think somebody is lacking in the opposition team they will ram home the advantage without being told by the manager. To be confronted by a team with that capacity really gets your brain going. I love it. Some teams just lump it up there and hope for the nhout Liverpool it is comparable to one grand chess master extolling the virtues of another. "It's intriguing in your mind to play them. They're the best exponents of tactics. They can change in mid-stream. If they chink somebody is lacking in the opposition team they will ram home the advantage without being told by the manager, To be confronted by a man with that capacity really gets your brain going. I love it. Some teams jast lamp it up there and hope for the kneck down or flick on. That's not a challenging game of football to me.

"Against Liverpool you've got to where the end pasts is going to be, because that's the killer one. They keep throwing little bits into their game but it hasn't changed a great deal over the years. At one time they had a powerful middled of four to five players. I don't mean players in a line because formations don't mean a thing to them. Their movement is tremendous. They always believe is following the pattern of play, so that if you keep moving you will get on the end of the ball some time or part of, I enjoy it. I really do."

"At one stage teams were trying to stifle them in front of goal so they started playing a little bit deeper and passed the ball around in midfield before coming in for a shot. With the arrival of Barnes they've changed in five a shot. With the arrival of Barnes they've changed the first say a dangerous set-up all round, you don't need to name any one individual."

Perhaps it is jost as well that several of the Southampton side are too young to fally appreciate the size of the Southampton side are too young to fally appreciate the size of the save a regular basis.

"We've got the pace of Rodey being the same sort of pleasure seeing Rodney finish off one of my passes as I need to get when pouting Danny, his brother, through on goal. You can't really compare them at this stage, it's and a matter of Lamped of the hall some time or part of, I enjoy it. I really do."

Jimmy Case: still going strong at 35 with youthful colleagues at Southampton

At one stage teams were trying to stille them in front of

Scottish resistance to Robson may return for

returned home after last his groin operation last week, and Alex Ferguson, the United manager, said yesterday: "Bryan is coming along nicely, but we won't be taking any risks with him. If everything goes well he could be back for the last months of the season."

Robson has missed United's last nine games and has not played since he damaged his groin at Liverpool just before Christmas.

Wally Downes, the former

o Wally Downes, the former Wimbledon and Sheffield United midfield player, was yesterday appointed reserve team coach at Millwall by the new manager, Bob Pearson. Downes, aged 28, had been coaching at Millwall's School of Excellence.

 Sunderland are to host an inter-European under-19s football tournament at Roker Park in August. Featuring teams from six leading European teams, and two from Britain, the event will

for Manchester United and England again in the closing months of the season. He has returned home after last his The Republic of Ireland are to

consider an offer of an inter-national in West Germany on September 12. It would be a return fixture following the Germans' visit to Dublin last year, when the sides drew I-1.

David Kevan, the Notts County midfield player, yesterday joined Stoke City for £75,000 after a successful spell on loan at the Victoria Ground. on loan at the Victoria Ground.

Trevor Francis may make his full debut for Sheffield Wednesday against Arsenal at Hillsborough tomorrow, after two League appearances as substitute.

Bobby Mimms, the Tottenham Hotspur goalkeeper on loan with Aberdeen, will make his first appearance for the Scottish club tomorrow against Celtic.

Celtic.

Chelses are to allow match

day ticket sales for their all-ticket game with Manchester United at Stamford Bridge on

BOXING

Douglas is shaping up for a rematch

By Srikumar Sen Boxing Correspondent

The first defence of James "Buster" Douglas, the world heavyweight champion, is almost certain to be against Mike Tyson. Douglas is having talks with Don King, Tyson's adviser and promoter.

As an honourable cha

"As an honourable champion, I want to fight Evander Holyfield because he's the No. I contender," Douglas said. "But there's also a point where the best financial deal is.

"If I defeated him once, I can again. I want to savour the victory a little. It's been a long, hard road, I trained for two months and I haven't had a vacation yet. I had a couple of glasses of champagne on the glasses of champagne on the plane home with my entourage, but that's it."

Douglas's manager, John Johnson, believed the rematch could be arranged soon, depend-ing on King's reaction to his terms, "If not, we'll fight Holyfield," Johnson said. As the winner of the recent bout in Tokyo, Douglas has signed to meet Holyfield, the No. I contender, on June 18 at Atlantic City, but the champion believes King can get out of that commitment by compensating Holyfield financially.

"There seems to be talk of Holyfield being given some money, enough to wait," Douglas said. "And he'd be guaranteed a shot at the winner. Holyfield's manager, Shelly Finkel, said the sum would have

 Robert Dickie, of Cross Hands, the former British featherweight champion, has pulled out of his bout with Andy Deabreau, of Cardiff, in Cardiff on March I after injuring a hand in training the property of the control of the c in training. James Hunter, of Middlesbrough, replaces him and will defend his Welsh super-featherweight title.

Long-count referee for London

By Srikumar Sen Octavio Meyrán Sánchez, the referee who gave the "long count" in the recent world count" in the recent world heavyweight championship contest between Mike Tyson and James "Buster" Douglas and had to make a public admission of his fault in Tokyo, has been chosen by Mickey Duff, the London promoter, for Lloyd Honeyghan's world title bout against Mark Breland at Wembley on March 3. Duff has made a special request to the World Boxing

request to the World Boxing Association for Sánchez to officiate. Jarvis Astaire, a business associate of Duff, said yesterday: "Mickey rang me and said that's the referee we want because he thought he was a decent referee. We have made a specific request for him to take charge of Honeyghan-Breland. He was obviously under great

pressure and was much maligned."

Duff has the backing of the British boxing board. John Morris, its secretary, said: "We would make no objection if he was appointed."

was appointed."
Sånchez, aged 42 and a blan-ket salesman in Mexico City, has handled 30 world title bouts. the most famous being the "no mas" bout in which Duran walked out of the contest with Leonard in New Orleans.

He is no stranger to British followers. He was in charge when Alan Minter lifted the world title against Vito Antuofermo, when Honeyghan stopped Donald Curry, and when Azumah Nelson knocked out Pat Cowdell in one round. William Hill, the bookmaker, is to sponsor Colin McMillan, the Barking featherweight, for a year as he presses for the British title.

 Herol Graham, of Sheffield, the British middleweight champion, has rejected a clash with Sumbu Kalambay, of Italy, for the European title. Bobby Frankham, the boxer banned indefinitely from the

sport for punching a referee in December 1987, has had his third application for a licence to box again rejected.

SNOW REPORTS

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Will Carling England's rugby union captain: first, Wales; next, the world



Joe Royle Oldham's manager dreams of an unlikely football treble



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The case of 900 stolen tickets

An accountant once employed in Brunswick Square, by Mike Burton, the former England and Lions rugby union forward, stole hundreds accountant for Burton, who nion forward of tickets for the many tween England and Wales tomorrow in an attempt to expose "a massive can of and meals as a worms" in a black-market racket, a court was told wortised a corporate hospitality deal for the match tomorrow — including lunch, wimentary bar and a When the

tea, complimentary bar and a ticket - for £385. When the Burton's Gloucester offices went one step too far when Rothwell demanded £100,000 theft was first reported last week, it was stated that 400 tickets had been stolen; most for the return of the tickets. of them had a face value for Reporting restrictions were

lifted as the court heard how In court, Holmes said that Rothwell, aged 45, of Rothwell, bitter over his dis-Cranham Lane, Churchdown, missal and itching for revenge, had used his inside knowledge Gloncester, wanted to expose the illicit selling of interto bypass the security system national match tickets and initiate an inquiry.
Jon Holmes, defending
Rothwell, said: "This has
implications far beyond Alan at the office and steal a safe containing more than 900 tickets for the England v

Wales match at Twickenham Rothwell. Quite frankly, we tomorrow. are opening a massive can of worms. There have been sus-Holmes described how Rothwell left a blackmail note in the office mail box; in it, he threatened to release details of picions for years that unlawful activities are going on.

"My client feels there should be a full-scale inquiry into how more than 900 £100,000.

threatened to release details of the tickets to the authorities and Press, unless Burton paid £100,000.

tickets got into the hands of At his home, Rothwell made notes of the ticket serial The allegation, if correct, numbers, and he drafted let-

would mean that one in every ters to the authorities and Press which police later found in his briefcase, Holmes said. 57 of the tickets at Twickenham tomorrow had come Rothwell followed up his into Burton's possession. blackmail notes with phone Rothwell was released on calls, but on Wednesday police traced one of the calls to

conditional bail to reappear on April 12 to face charges of theft and making unwarranted demands with menaces.

The court was told that Rothwell had been sacked without warning or explana- freely admitted what he had tion from Mike Burton's done. He added: "He only sports management company hopes that out of the wrong he taken them.

has done, some good will come. What he has always wanted is to get this matter of ticket selling out into the

After the hearing, Holmes said that all the tickets had been returned by the police to Burton; the police had re-corded the serial numbers of

The Rugby Football Union issued fresh guidelines before this season on the sale of international-match tickets, which are distributed through affiliated clubs and schools but are always heavily

Cheques must be drawn on club or school bank accounts and application forms countersigned by a senior club official or a school

The RFU recommends the expulsion of members found "trading" in tickets and re-quires recipients to return unwanted tickets to Twickenham; any club or school whose allocation finds its way to the black market and is subsequently traced via the ticket numbers automatically has its allocation withdrawn.

The RFU has stepped up its vigilance of ticket sales since the crowd capacity at Twickenham has been reduced to 51,000 this season. Dudley Wood, the RFU

secretary, said last night: "I will be contacting the police at Twickenham to whom we have spoken about this

Last month, Burton's com-Street, Gloncester, and pany had to spend £30,000 on alternative air travel for cli-Holmes said Rothwell ents going to a match in Dublin after the collapse of



Packing a punch: England's forwards, including Moore, the booker, with the ball, and Teague, the No. 8, behind him, get taken them.

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Spain inflict heaviest defeat on England

a phone box in Southgate

From Sydney Friskin Lahore

England's early profligacy on Monday. There are hopes took its toll at the World Cup that they can exploit the terday as they tumbled to their heaviest defeat by Spain since international matches between the two countries began

The result offered further proof of the theory that short corners win matches. England squandered two and conceded four, the first three of which were converted by Spain's brilliant wing-half. Ignacio Escude, in the second period, the score at the interEngland, though not out of they brought on Halls in the the running yet in group B for a place in the semi-finals, were their cause was lost. left with a forbidding task,

having to face Pakistan tomorrow and West Germany fence and emerge with a victory. Spain with two defeats bewhich a shot by Kerly was saved by the goalkeeper. hind them hurled themselves

unremittingly into yesterday's conflict and surprised everyone with their powers of acceleration. Being perfectly balanced they made no substitutions. England made three replacements, parting company once again with their captain, Richard Leman, in the 45th minute in favour Within six minutes Kerly

of Russell Garcia. By the time

for England in the eighth minute of the second half when England conceded their first short corner. The hit from the line was perfectly stopped and Ignacio Escude scored with a well-placed shot. A chance was presented to Eng-land in their second short corner but Faulkner's hit was

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The first 20 minutes belonged to England, But in that time Batchelor pushed weakly into the goalkeeper's pads and shots by Leman and Thomp-Clift in the sixteenth minute led to a short corner from

Spain scored much against the run of play from their first move of consequence in the 23rd minute. Faulkner made one of his rare mistakes in defence by letting in the outside right, Jufresa, whose centre found its way to the unmarked Usoz, who scored.

found space on the right of the circle and went through smoothly to score a well-taken goal. Spain, however, struck notes of warning in the closing minutes of the first half, with Xavier Escude twice going perilously near scoring.

The slide downhill started

saved by the goalkeeper.

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After Mayer had replaced Thompson England re-doubled their efforts but could not withstand a Spanish attack and conceded another short corner in the 63rd minute. Once again Escude's aim was

Within two minutes there was the third short corner for Spain and this time Escude scooped the ball high into the net to put Spain in a position of prosperity. Almost on time they were awarded another



Spectators have their say

By Stuart Jones Football Correspond

Spectators, by far the most nerous sponsors of football, have at last been invited to join the debate on how the same should be presented. A report, published yesterday and entitled appropriately The Missing Voice, offers clubs an insight into the coinions of

season donate £100 million. Trevor Phillips, the commercial director of the Football League, described the survey be commissioned as "The First Step". He could scarcely claim anything else since, of the 6,000,000 people estimated to attend at least one game a season, only 561

were sampled and 149 of those were television viewers. Nevertheless, Nick Coleman, a representative of MORI who conducted the poll, insisted that the statistical evidence was "reliable to within four per cent". Drawn from a dozen centres in Britain, the majority of those questioned were single males between the ages of 15 and 24

Phillips recognizes that

who follow first division

THE SPECTATORS' VIEW Matches to be played on Sunday (42 per cent in favour, 38 per

cent against). More pre-match and half-time entertainment (58 per cent), a request particularly of parents and youngsters.
 Entertainment to include children's footbell (36 per cent) and

bands (21 per cent).

• Drum majorettes (7 per cent) and cheerleaders (5 per cent)

Video screens, showing action replays and highlights of other matches, would increase attendances (40 per cent).

• Alf-seat stackums (47 per cent in favour, 44 per cent

needs to be gathered, especially from those who have chosen no longer to go to games, but he is relieved at least to have made a start. Tve wanted to open this dialogue ever since I was appointed three years ago," he

He was compelled to do so by the government's plan for a national membership scheme. Research, which indicated more definitive information that attendances would have

Continuation of the play-off system (69 per cent); particularly among the third and fourth divisions (85 per cent); particularly among the third and fourth divisions (85 per cent); of the admission to local sports and leisure facilities (73 per cent). Discounts at club shops (54 per cent) and car insurance (52 per cent).

© Continuation of present television format of a live League match including all first division goals (71 per cent).

been cut by a quarter if it had been imposed, can now be positively beneficial as long as all clubs listen to "the missing It speaks with reason. As

Phillips says, two of the proposals which were put forward yesterday could more or less be put into operation tomorrow. "The improve-ment of catering facilities can be self-financing and quickly profitable. The cost of half-

was unable to retain his place.

Now, after four months of

nothing but a little social golf

and some shooting, he has returned like a giant refreshed.

Darcy's round, was that it was

completed in a minute or two

under four hours. Admittedly,

the conditions were ideal, with

only a gentle zephyr blowing

off the ocean, but, even so, the

speed of play was clearly influenced by new penalties

Another agreeable feature of

be prohibitive either". He is convinced that

membership scheme, if it is presented in a less negative and heavy handed manuer, could be a rich source of revenue. He had already negotiated terms, for instance, for a £30 million contract which would have covered the ex-

misguided plan.
The poll, as well as recent statistics, confirm that football remains the nation's most popular sport. Attendances continue to rise and are expected to show an overall increase for the fourth successive season. "That is in spite of the game going through the most problematic decade in its history," Phillips

"We are facing increasing competition from a variety of sources for the supporter's eisure time but we don't know enough about how the service can be improved. Lord Justice Taylor's report will act as a catalyst for change and we need to find out in which direction to go".

To date, the thoughts of only 561 people have officially

Darcy judged this new

course, completed only a year

ago, as too severe, "If the wind

plows it could be unplayable."

he said. As it was, he missed

only one fairway, the fifth.

found an impossible lie only

three yards into the dunes, and

surrendered his one stroke to

par. The Irishman, using a

new driver which gave him an

extra 15 yards, was out in 34

in four more coming home.

with three birdies, and hauled

Under the new slow-play

rules, the first player to strike is allowed 55 seconds to play his shot. Subsequent players

are given 40 seconds. Two

indiscretions are allowed.

after which a penalty of £250

is imposed. A second trans-gression costs £500 and there-

after a two-stroke penalty

A target of 11 minutes is

allowed for a par three hole.
13½: minutes for a four and 16
minutes for a five. Four hours

and three minutes was the

projected time for a three-ball

round yesterday, and it was

more or less met by the whole

of the field. It will be a

different matter, though, when

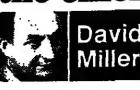
the customary wind blows in

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applies.

END COLUMN Wooing time is here for the chief



comes one of the most im-portant of visitors but one who tain) Paul Wallwork, the for-Western Samoan Rugby Union and a member, since 1987, of the International Olympic Committee: the first, incidentally, from the South Decision Australian

and New Zealand Wallwork's visit to England is the beginning of a crescendo of public relations by the Manchester Olympic Bid Committee, deliberately begun much later than by the other five candidate cities wishing to host the centenary Olympic Games of 1996 and plying the IOC with invitations. intention of Bob Scott, the man, is to demonstrate to IOC members, those who might otherwise not know, that Britain is none too inexperi-enced at staging major sport-

During the next five mouths some 40 IOC members will visit Manchester in conjunction with attending the cream of sporting/social events of their own selection: two to the Grand National, 10 to the FA Cup final, two to the Derby, 12 at Wimbledon, four each at Henley and the Open goti.

Athens may be attempting to woo the IOC, with evident difficulty, on the strength of having given the Olymic Games to the world. Manchester wish to remind the world, discreetly, that Britain gave to the Olympics many of those sports which are now part of the programme of the modern Games.

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Manchester make discreet reminder

Another public relations exerciseby Manchester involves flying the IOC executive board by private jet from their meeting in Belgrade to Manchester in April: Man-chester or London being a better take-off point for returning home to the corners of the globe than Belgrade, a lethargic and seemingly disinterested candidate city

Manchester see an advantage in the fact that many IOC members, now restricted to one visit to any candidate city. were in Toronto and Atlanta last year and in Melbourne during the recent Australian Open tennis championships.

Memories of Manchester

will, therefore, be freshest when they come to vote in Tokyo in September. The possible key to Manchester's campaign will be whether they are successful in persuading the Prime Minister to speak at their final presentation in Tekyo.

It is helpful that UK '90, 2 major trade exhibition by Britain, takes place in Tokyo at the same time as the IOC Session. As for the everpresent negative potential of the South African factor, Manchester's recently pub-lished anti-apartheid statement has been well received. and copies of this will be studied at next Monday's meeting of the IOC Anti-Apartheid Commission in

Manchester are treating every IOC member with particular recognition for their individual tastes and character. The socialites, for stance, will be feted and the Cheshire country estates of the Duke of Westminster and

Sebastian de Ferranti. Unaligned members such as Wallwork are regarded as critically important, their allegiance being potentially avail-able to any city. It might be thought that Wallwork would inevitably vote for Melbourne. Yet in 1972, when he was an Australian weightlifting champion and eligible to com-pete for that country, he was selected and then passed over for the Olympic Games in Munich.

It was an experience he has not forgotten. If he has a geographic allegiance it is as much to New Zealand, but when he is hosted at lunch at Twickenham today by British Gas it is thought that his mind is still wide open for making \$ decision next September.

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Darcy off like a giant refreshed suffered a decline last year and hanging over laggards

From John Hennessy Oporto

As expected, it was an Irishman who led the way on the first day of the Atlantic Open golf tournament at Estela, 20 miles to the north of Oporto. But it was the wrong Irishman, so to speak, not Ronan Rafferty, leader of the Volvo Order of Merit last season, but Earnonn Darcy, now some-thing of a war horse at 37. Darcy brought his coal heaver of a swing to bear to

Williams

protest

Derek Williams's European

heavyweight boxing title de-feat against Jean Chanet, of

France, earlier this month is to

result in an official protest from the British Boxing Board

John Morris, the Board

secretary, said vesterday the protest to the European Box-

ing Union would concern "the

French corner's use of 'new

skin' on a cut and the fact that

there were no inspectors

A record 3,655 entries have

been received for the Mc-

Carthy and Stone national

mixed pairs bowls com-

petition, which carries a first

prize of £1,000.

Record entry

of Control.

such devastating purpose at the start of the new Volvo Tour season that he came in with a record round of 66, six

This gave him a lead of two strokes over Anders Sorensen, of Denmark. Another Irishman, Des Smyth, shared third place on 69 with Steven Bottomley, of Yorkshire.

Darcy will long be rememagainst Ben Crenshaw in the 1987 Ryder Cup match, but he

SPORT IN BRIEF

Williams: fight appeal Put on ice

Peterborough Pirates, the ice hockey team, may lose their home as a result of the City councillors' decision not to buy the East of England ice rink. Dennis Adams, the rink's owner, has said the site may now be sold for use as a

Trio picked Melbourne (Reuter) - The

Australian Test selectors have included the injured trio. Marsh, Boon and Hughes, in the Australian party of 13 for the short tour of New Zealand

New driver Zurich (AFP) - Gregor Foilek, the Swiss driver, has

signed to drive for Brabham in the coming Formula One motor racing season. **England** tour

The England rugby union team will tour Argentina later

this year, playing two internationals, on July 28 and August 4. The announcement follows the restoration of diplomatic relations between Britain and Argentina, broken off in 1982 because of the

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